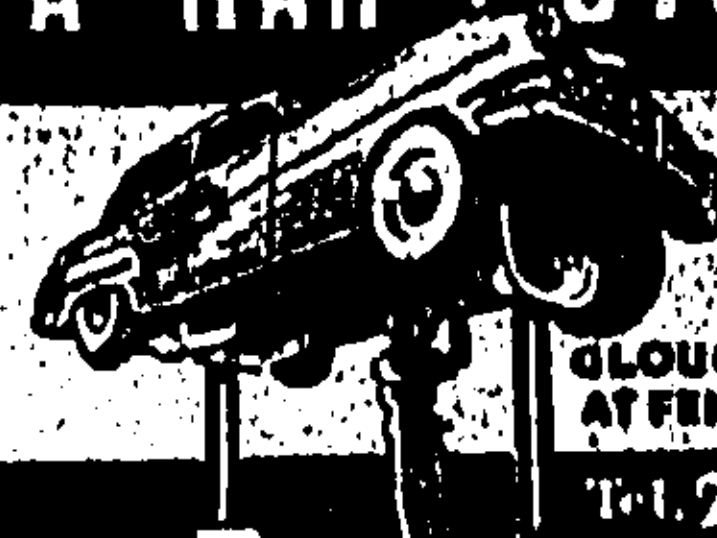




# NATIONALISTS LAND ON MAINLAND

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## BELGIAN CABINET RESIGNS

Brussels, March 18.  
Belgium's coalition cabinet resigned today following protracted Liberal Party deliberations on the proposed return of King Leopold III to his throne.

The fall of Premier Gaston Eyskens' Government of Social Christian (Catholic) and Liberal representatives followed the resignation earlier today of eight Liberal ministers whom the Government had hoped would support the move to recall the King.

The Government's resignation was announced by Minister of Communications P. W. Seghers following a two-hour cabinet meeting.

Premier Eyskens after the cabinet meeting said only: "I am going to the Prince Regent."

### Could not agree

A Cabinet communiqué said the Government decided to resign because it could not agree on calling a joint session of Parliament to consider Leopold's demand that it either recall him to the throne or ask for his abdication, adds United Press. King Leopold said he would abide by Parliament's decision.

Socialist leaders of the Confederation of Labour threatened to call a general strike that would paralyse Belgium if Parliament does recall Leopold.

The Cabinet decision to resign was reached in a three-hour meeting this morning and was announced by Catholic Minister of Communications Paul Seghers. Parliament undoubtedly would be dissolved and new elections called.

## Development of new U.S. weapons

Chicago, March 18.  
The Secretary of Defence, Mr. Louis Johnson, said last night that American scientists are "developing brand-new unprecedented devices that challenge the existence of all known weapons."

The result, he told the Irish Fellowship Club in Chicago, is that "the most modern of planes, tanks, guns or submarines may become obsolete by tomorrow."

Mr. Johnson said it is the 20th century scientist who is setting the pace for the conduct of war. "We who are charged with national defence recognise that it is essential to our security to plan in terms of significant technological advances," he added.

"We are therefore proceeding relentlessly to exploit the rich pools of scientific knowledge already at our disposal and tapping new sources in a determination to keep abreast of all developments."

"The President's decision to proceed with the production of the hydrogen bomb is but the most dramatic example of this effort. I assure you that we are equally alert to possibilities inherent in the biological and chemical fields as well as in the radiological."—Associated Press.

### The Weather

At 6:00 P.M. (11 p.m. HKST) the depression over SW Japan is moving north. Between 10 and 15 mph. Windy. Rain. Light to moderate. Fair, cloudy at times. Warm and misty. Yesterday's weather. Minimum: 14 deg. Fahrenheit. Maximum: 24 deg. Fahrenheit. Rainfall: 1.5 inches. Wind: 10 to 15 mph. Humidity: 70 to 80 per cent. Clouds: Partly cloudy. Visibility: 10 miles. Barometer: 30.0 inches. Sunrise: 6:10 a.m. Sunset: 6:10 p.m. Moon: 1st quarter. Phase: 100 per cent. Tide: High water at 10:10 a.m. and 4:10 p.m. Low water at 12:10 p.m. and 6:10 p.m. Wind direction: Variable. Wind force: 1 to 2 mph.

## SOUTH OF SHANGHAI

Troops land under naval cover to occupy Chekiang coastal city; 2,500 Reds said killed

LARGE-SCALE ATTACK

TAIPEH, MARCH 18.

CHINESE NATIONALIST FORCES RETURNED TO THE MAINLAND IN A DAWN LANDING TODAY AND SEIZED A COMMUNIST COASTAL CITY SOME 200 MILES SOUTH OF SHANGHAI

Reports 12 hours later indicated that the Nationalist invaders were still holding firm to their new bridgehead. But it was too early to tell whether the landing was a nuisance raid or a serious attempt to gain a permanent foothold on the coast.

The Nationalist naval communiqué said the landing force swarmed ashore under naval cover and occupied the Chekiang Province coastal city of Sungmen, about 120 miles south of the Chusan Islands.

The communiqué said 2,500 Communists were "annihilated" in the operation. (It was likely the Nationalist landing was similar to the British Commando raids on the coast of Nazi-occupied France preceding the all-out Allied invasion of Normandy.)

Other units drove in close to the mouth of Chiao River at Haimen and landed men between Haimen and Tielchow to prevent Communist reinforcements from moving South to relieve Sungmen.

The communiqué said naval gunboats shelled more than 100 junks and shore installations. It claimed Communists manning the shore defences took to the hills.

The operation covered the entire 20-mile coast of the peninsula parallel to Tachow Bay. The communiqué gave no clues to the identity of the landing force and made no mention of any air cover. Neither was there any mention of any Communist counter-attack.

### First attack

The landing marked the first large-scale Nationalist attack on the Chinese mainland since November when the Nationalist Government fled to Taiwan.

The communiqué said: "Powerful Chinese naval units co-ordinating with land forces raided Sungmen on March 18. Other units landed between Tielchow and Haimen to prevent Communist reinforcements reaching Sungmen. Naval units shelled more than 100 junks and bombarded shore units whose personnel fled toward the hills."

"Covered by a heavy naval bombardment our units landed at dawn and occupied Sungmen at 8:20 a.m. Two thousand five hundred Communists were killed. Naval units patrolling Kwangchowwan intercepted more than 30 junks on March 18 near Tienpai, North East of Haimen. The junks put up strong resistance. The fight lasted one hour. Twenty-eight junks were crippled and the others fled back to Tienpai harbour. The Communists sustained more than 300 casualties."

The mention of Tienpai, which is a tiny island off Haimen's North East coast, indicated the Reds are holding it and the fleet which was intercepted could have been a probing thrust toward Haimen.

Sungmen was apparently a strictly naval and land force operation. An Air Force communiqué issued more than an hour later did not mention the engagement.

The Air Force said it blasted the Kholon Canton Railway and destroyed 20 sections of rails and one steel bridge. In North Eastern Hainan it co-operated with ground forces to clean up guerrillas and killed 600 on strafing runs in the vicinity of Sankiang, 20 miles East of Hailow.

Air Force units also bombed and destroyed many vehicles and much equipment in South Sankiang. The islands off Kingmen and artillery positions on Teding Island were also bombed today and several mainland highways were struck.

## Peking Radio warning to HK Gov't

San Francisco, March 18.  
The Hong Kong Government was warned by Peking Radio not to interfere with Nationalist vessels at present in the colony. The warning was also directed to the Singapore Government.

The Minister of Communications, Chang Po-chun, in a statement said such vessels should be placed under the direct control of his Ministry. He said:

"Only the Central People's Government and personnel appointed by it have the right to dispose of these vessels. This sacred property right of the Central People's Government should be respected by the governments of Hong Kong, Singapore and other countries. Those governments must be fully responsible for the consequences if any of the ships at Hong Kong's Singapore and other foreign ports are encroached, damaged, transferred or their movements interfered with in any way."—United Press.

## Intensified war foreshadowed

Two Chinese Generals today were named to high posts in a move foreshadowing an intensified war on the Communist mainland of China, adds Associated Press.

General Chou Chi-jou, head of the Air Force now blockading and bombarding the mainland, was appointed Chief of the Joint Staffs—the Army, Navy and Air Force.

General Sun Li-jen, successful commander of Chinese troops in Burma during the war, became Commander-in-Chief of ground forces. He has been in charge of training ground forces on Taiwan.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek announced the appointments in a mandate.

General Sun, a graduate of Virginia Military Institute, has been winning high praise for his training of troops on Taiwan. It was generally agreed, his choice was the best possible.

General Chou will remain in command of the Air Force, which has been the most effective arm of the Nationalist blockade.

In a combined air and ground action, the Nationalists set fire to forests in the Five Fingers mountains of Hainan in an attempt to wipe out Red guerrilla forces there.

In their path, which were also set afire by air-dropped incendiaries.

The Reds against whom the campaign is being waged are under the command of Feng Pao-chu who last year was given the title of column commander by the Communist Army.

### Red appointments

"Two appointments to military and civil posts in Yunnan were announced by Peking Radio last night, says a Reuter report from San Francisco.

The appointments, subject to ratification by the Chinese Central People's Government Council, were as follows:

General Lu Han, Chairman of the Yunnan Military and Administrative Committee.

General Chen Keng, Chairman of the Yunnan Provincial People's Government.

General Chen Keng is at present Vice-Commander of South West China Military Areas Headquarters of the Communist Army.

—United Press, Associated Press and Reuter.

## Crewmen of disabled USN tender saved

Pearl Harbour, March 18.  
United States warships today rescued all 40 crew members of the disabled Navy net tender USS Elder which was swept by an engine room fire and abandoned by two-thirds of her crew a week ago.

"Twenty-six of the crew were picked up from five lifeboats which drifted helplessly under the scorching sun of the vast Pacific for seven days. The remaining 14 were found aboard the Elder in good condition."

Navy sources announced that the Elder and her 14-man crew will be towed by the salvage ship Deliver to Kwajalein. The other 26 survivors aboard the Comstock will be returned to Pearl Harbour.

—United Press.

## U.S. warships fired on in Saigon harbour

Salmon, March 18.  
Mortar and machine-gun fire sent American naval gun crews to action stations on the Saigon waterfront last night when Vietnamese autonomists opened fire across the river.

Several mortar bombs fell within a few yards of the United States destroyers Anderson and Stoddard.

The American warships did not open fire. The firing lasted about 30 minutes. No American casualties were reported. Total casualties were not known early today.



While Holland's Princess Bernhard travels through Dutch possessions in the Caribbean and tours part of Latin America, his wife, Queen Juliana, and three of their four daughters are vacationing in the Austrian winter sports resort of St. Anton. They travelled in the Dutch royal train which is being used as an office for the Queen and a mobile school-room for the girls. Photo shows Princesses Irene (left) and Beatrix enjoy a skiing session at St. Anton. (AP Photo.)

## Taipeh spokesman charges Royal Navy with trickery

Taipeh, March 18.

A Chinese Nationalist naval spokesman today accused the British Navy of deliberate trickery in connection with the shipment of U.S.\$5,000,000 worth of aeroplane parts from Hong Kong to the Chinese Communists.

A new search was begun for the ship carrying the equipment after the Nationalist Navy boarded another British vessel by mistake in attempting to find it.

The spokesman charged that the British Navy co-operated with the skipper of the ship Empire Mountain which the Chinese Navy earlier identified as the Empire Dirk. The Nationalists originally boarded the Empire Mountain in the belief that it was the Empire Dirk which carried the cargo. The Empire Mountain was found to be carrying a load of sugar.

On Friday morning the Nationalist Navy spotted the Empire Mountain and thought it was the Empire Dirk. The Nationalists closed in but a British destroyer also moved in whereupon the Empire Mountain sailed and headed Northward. The Nationalists followed her and radioed the vessel to return to Hong Kong or put it in Keelung. The Empire Mountain refused and continued on her way. Some time later the vessel halted and allowed the Nationalist Navy to board her. The British Navy also sent a party aboard.

It was not determined what happened to the Empire Dirk but the Chinese Nationalists felt that the British warship used the Empire Mountain as a decoy and let the Empire Dirk sail wide for the open sea before putting into North China.

Some quarters here believed the manoeuvring by the Empire Mountain would be considered "unneutral activity" under international law which would make it subject to seizure by the Nationalist Navy inside or outside territorial waters.

The Empire Dirk sailed from Hong Kong on Wednesday with 1,000 tons of spare parts, engines and workshop machinery—precious to the Communists because of the American embargo on such shipments to Soviet satellites. The Empire Dirk left for Korea but was expected to put in at communist-held Tientsin.

Major General Claire Chen-nault, owner of the Civil Air Transport, which claimed to have bought over the former Nationalist airlines, was reported to have cabled the State Department requesting friendly powers to detain the Empire Dirk's cargo if the ship called at a neutral port after Reuter.—United Press and Reuter

## Police, robbers in Kowloon gun battle

A running gun-battle between eight armed robbers and two Police Constables took place in Shanghai Street near Shantung Street in Kowloon at about 7.30 p.m. yesterday.

The robbers were in two parties of four and all were dressed in Chinese style. One party entered the Yan Wo Goldsmith shop at 533 Shanghai Street while the other went into the Hing Wo Goldsmith shop at 535 Shanghai Street.

Before entering the robbers had disarmed the guard of his shotgun and forced him to enter one of the shops with them.

The robbers in the Yan Wo Goldsmith stayed about 10 minutes during which time they broke open the safes and took away between 50 and 60 taels of gold.

The four men in the Hing Wo Goldsmith were reported to have taken a similar amount of gold and on whistles being blown took to their heels.

Two Police Constables who were patrolling the area saw the robbers rushing out and opened fire on them. The robbers returned the fire while the guard also rushed out and picked up his shotgun. He too fired at the retreating robbers.

A flock of the Hing Wo Goldsmith obtained a shot-gun and rushing into the roof of the premises fired five more shots.

Although the area was congested with pedestrians, no one was injured by the firing. Later a revolver was found in Shantung Street and it was presumed that it had been thrown away by one of the robbers.

### Taxi held up

Later in the evening a taxi driver, Tse Cheung, reported to the Mongkok Police Station that while driving taxi No. 4552 along Reclamation Street near Shantung Street two armed men forcibly entered his taxi.

He was told at the point of the gun to drive them to Shamshuipo. When they reached the junction of Cheungshawan Road and Boundary Street the two men jumped out and he then drove to the Police Station to report the matter.

Up to a late hour last night the Police were still making enquiries and indicated that they will make an early arrest. "The area was cordoned off and all pedestrians were subjected to search. Police were posted at the various ferry wharves and all suspects were searched."

A.D.C.I.K. Cashman and D.C.I. Downman are in charge of the investigations.

### HOME SPORTS

Chelsea and Arsenal played to a 2-2 draw in their FA Cup semi-final match at White Hart Lane yesterday.

Dramatic, Gordon Richards up, won the Lincolnshire Handicap.

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## Trawler sunk in collision with freighter

Halifax, March 18.  
The 115-foot Nova Scotia fishing trawler, Gertrude Decos, was rammed and sunk in early morning darkness off Halifax harbour on Saturday. Eleven of her crew of 19 were drowned.

The trawler, out of a Nova Scotia port, was in collision with the Inter-Island steamship, Gonno.

Survivors of the crash are in the hospital, and all are expected to recover.

Meanwhile, in London, the Admiralty said last night it was speaking reports from a Dutch radio that a ship was sinking in the Thames, but was unable to find immediate confirmation, adds Associated Press.

A spokesman said the report was checked with shore stations along the Thames and the Naval Commander at Chatham had alerted ships in the area.

The ship, in distress, identified by the Dutch report as the Liverpool, has not been located or identified, the spokesman said. He added that the British cruiser HMS Liverpool was not involved. HMS Liverpool is at Malta.

The only commercial ship with Liverpool in its name listed by Lloyds Register is the Liverpool Packet, a 2,894 tonner owned by the Rover Shipping Company and registered out of Liverpool, Nova Scotia.—Associated Press.

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## Reds causing delay in S'hai evacuation

Communist officials in Shanghai are causing "hardship and delay" to foreign residents there who are arranging passage in the ss. General Gordon which is expected off the Yangtse river on March 22.

An informed source said yesterday that Communist immigration officials have refused exit visas to more than 200 applicants thus far. They have given various reasons for this, the source said, including hastily arranged Chinese-Communist employees' claims which have been drawn up during the past few days against many businessmen who intended to leave Shanghai.

The source added: "From my information, the officials in Shanghai are deliberately causing hardship and delay to many foreign nationals."

"I also understand that they are resentful at the way the foreign Colony have rushed to get tickets on the evacuation ship, because they dislike the refection this has on their administration of foreigners there, and treatment of foreigners there."

He said that the recent delay in the departure from Hong Kong of the American President Lines, General Gordon has been caused by the Communist treatment of the evacuating foreign nationals. Significantly, not one American citizen is among the group returning to that city, though more than half the Gordon's Shanghai passengers are British.

Part of the United States Seventh Fleet, which will escort the American liner to the Yangtse, plans to give the evacuated American Nationals a rousing welcome.

The fleet will remain outside territorial waters while United States Navy transport ship, General Gordon, will enter Shanghai with the 108 Shanghai bound passengers, and then return with an expected 1,000 evacuees—more than 400 of which will be Americans, and approximately 100 British citizens.

The fact that the General Gordon is not entering the Yangtse river channel indicates that the river is, as Nationalist authorities have declared, effectively mined.

Hundreds of advertisements have been appearing in Shanghai newspapers during the past week inserted by foreign nationals who are leaving.

This is one of the requirements of the Communist officials in Shanghai. Any person who then has a complaint against the foreigners, or claims that the foreigner is indebted to him, or if he is in the foreigner's employ, wishes to make a labour claim against the intending evacuee, can thus prevent his leaving Shanghai.

During the General Gordon's last trip, many of the evacuees reported on arrival in Hong Kong that they had been forced to pay many employees' claims, which, they said, had no foundation, or else they would not have been allowed to embark on the General Gordon.

The informed source said yesterday that this was again happening in Shanghai.

This means that if any claims, or civil or criminal offences which the "evacuee" might be charged with on leaving Shanghai are brought up after he has left Shanghai, the guarantor will be held responsible for the claims or offences of the evacuated person.

More than half of the Shanghai-bound passengers boarded the General Gordon in Hong Kong yesterday.

The evacuees who are leaving for Shanghai are:

Mrs. Celia C.M.A. Kewick, wife of the Manager of Jardine Matheson and Co., Ltd., Shanghai; Mrs. Diana M.D. Bunsford, wife of the British Consul in Shanghai, accompanied by three children; Mr. A.V. Farmer, Chairman of Imperial Chemical Industries, accompanied by Mrs. Farmer; Mr. V.A. Hough, a Director of Imperial Chemical Industries, accompanied by Mrs. Hough; Mr. Ralph B. Gutch and Mr. W.T. Yonall, of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation; Mrs. Catherine Newcomb, wife of a British-American Tobacco Company official.

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## Personalia

Mrs. S.J. Swetland, wife of the London manager of Philipson Air Lines, left for Manila by P&O yesterday. Mrs. Swetland is joining her husband in Manila from where the couple will fly to London via Rome.

Father Manuel Suarez, Master General of the Dominican Order, left for Sydney, by British Overseas Airways yesterday.

Among those who left Hong Kong by BOAC for Singapore yesterday were N.F. Webb, J.H. Hooper, Brig. L.H.O. Pugh, V.T.C. Morris, Rev. Father M. Suarez, Rev. Father P.A. Skehan, K.N. Bichard, E. Crawford, Major B. Smith, H. Glasberg, S. Stratford and T.M.T. Moore.

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Friday were Mrs. L. Baxter, Mrs. L. Mortimer, Miss E. Wells, Miss E. Turner, Miss C. Lorne, Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Skelton, Mr. and Mrs. R.H. Willard, Miss S.N. Hargreaves, Mrs. S.N. See, Mr. and Mrs. G.L. Wilson, Messrs. J.V. Hunter, N. Croft, G. Amalric, C. Deavin, and M.J. O'Brien-Twohig.

Among the new arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Friday were Miss A. Duff, Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Phillips, Mrs. P.S. Rojas, Mrs. G. Datoe, Messrs. E.S. Bush, S. Crawford, J.F. Malone, G.W. Macdon, C.H. Van Landingham, C.H. Carlyle, I. Unwin, R.L. Costine, K.H. Richard, A. Parry, G.K. Hill, T. Hogan, and Lieutenant Colonel J.H.G. Cooper.

## TALBOT HOUSE CONCERT

A concert of recorded classical music will be presented at Talbot House (Toc H) 60, Macdonnell Road, at 8.30 p.m. today.

The programme, an all-Brahms one, will include: Violin Concerto Op. 77, "V. Who Now Have Sorrow" from Gorman Requiem, and Symphony No. 2 in D Major, Op. 73.

## Commandos to hold Ceremonial Parade

The 42 Commando, Royal Marines, commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel I. H. Riches, DSO, will hold a ceremonial parade on Wednesday at 11.30 a.m.

It will take place at the Merchant Navy football ground, Chatham Road. The GOC-in-C, Lieutenant-General Sir Robert Mansergh, KBE, CB, MC, will take the salute and inspect the unit.

On his arrival, the GOC-in-C will be received with a General Salute, and will then inspect the unit which will be formed up in line. While the inspection is taking place the massed bands of 3 Commando Brigade and HMS Quick will play.

When the inspection is completed the GOC-in-C will return to the Saluting Point and the Commando will fire a Feu de Jole, after which the Commando will advance in Review Order and give a General Salute.

As the unit marches down Chatham Road in column of divisions, the Band will play the Regimental March of the Royal Marines, "A Life on the Ocean Wave," followed by "Sarie Marais," a stirring march that has been adopted as the march of the Commandos.

The GOC-in-C will take the salute at HQ 3 Commando Brigade as the unit marches past in slow time.

The 42 Commando was formed in October 1943 from 1st Battalion Royal Marines. It was posted to India in November, where it trained for jungle fighting. The unit saw action in the line in Burma and took

## RADIO HK

Courtesy Mountbatten of Burma will be interviewed over Radio Hong Kong at 7.15 p.m. tomorrow.

At 8.10 p.m. today, Radio Hong Kong will repeat the broadcast of a recorded description of the 40th Infantry Division's Ceremonial Parade held in the New Territories on Friday.

The commentator will be Captain David Jones. The re-broadcast has been arranged for the benefit of those who participated in the parade and as a result of a number of requests from the public.

## NT FARMERS DEMAND GOV'T ACTION TO END LAND RENT RACKET

New Territories farmers are demanding immediate Government action to curb the agricultural land rent racket.

Farmers say they are facing the greatest crisis in the history of farming in the New Territories because of increased rentals and threats of eviction.

Hundreds of complaints of increased rentals and of notices of eviction have been lodged with the authorities concerned.

Mr. Tam Chan-leung, Chairman of the Farmers' Agricultural Association, whose organization with a membership of 2,000 farming units represents 30,000 farmers, alone has received more than 150 complaints to date.

Mr. Tam, who is conducting investigations into the cases, said that complaints are being received daily by his office.

At the same time, Dr. D. Y. Lin, former President of the National Soil and Water Conservation Association of China, whose family have been farming in the Fanling district for 60 years, is also receiving many complaints.

These complaints are in addition to those received by the District Office, New Territories.

Mr. Tam said that the greatest increase in the rental of arable land was registered in the Fanling and Pingshan Districts.

This condition, which is making the tenant farmers' position in the New Territories untenable, is brought about by the influx of rich refugees who sought haven from Communist China, Mr. Tam said.

## Rush for land

Northern refugees with their accumulated capital made a rush for land in the New Territories when they arrived in the Colony, thus directly causing an increase in land value.

Landlords, who do not want to sell out, saw the advantage and began to raise their rentals.

Hundreds of agricultural land were doubled and in some raised to three or four times their former rental.

Mr. Tam cited the case of a Fanling farmer, who before the influx paid to his landlord one and a half tons of unhusked rice a year and who is now paying four tons.

Failing to meet the landlords' demands for increased rental, a tenant farmer would face the risk of an eviction notice.

There is the case of a farmer of Taun Wan, where two rows of water-cress land were filled up by the landlord on Friday because he refused to be ejected from the land which he has been farming since 1942.

This crisis occurred at a time when the Government, through the Wholesale Vegetable Marketing System, is doing so much to relieve the lot of New Territories farmers and to increase their yearly produce.

Farmers complain

Since the system came into being the annual farming output has shown an increase almost triple the output when the age-old land system was in operation.

Farmers interviewed yesterday by a "Sunday Herald" representative at the Wholesale Vegetable Market, where evidence of efficiency and soundness of the present system is apparent, without exception complained of the high rentals they are now paying.

A farmer from Un Long with a load of winter cress said that in 1948 he paid the landlord 10 tons of unhusked rice for the land he filled. Now, he said, he is paying 30 tons.

A farmer of Tai Po, who is farming with his brother, said that the landlord not only wanted to double the rent but demanded that the land be returned to him.

There is the case of a landlord who in 1941 received \$200 for his land in the New Territories. Last year he increased the rental to \$700 and is now said to be demanding \$3,000 in rent.

One official summed up the situation when he said: "In China today, there is taking place the greatest agrarian reform movement that the world has ever known."

## Reds release Anglican Bishop

Bishop Clement Huang, Anglican Bishop of Yunnan and Kweichow, was released from detention at Kunming last Friday following the entry of regular forces of the Chinese Communist Army.

He was detained on December 25 by Kunming irregular forces who alleged he was an agent of the Kuomintang.

An appeal for his release was telegraphed to the Chinese Foreign Minister, Chou En-lai, by the Bishop's representatives in Hong Kong as soon as Mr. Chou returned from his Moscow discussions early this month.

Yesterday, confirmation of the Bishop's release was received by the Right Reverend R. O. Hall, Bishop of Hong Kong.

Competent sources told the "Sunday Herald" that Bishop Huang was arrested as a result of petty local jealousies, to which the entry of regular Liberation Army forces into Kunming put an end. Since the revolt against Taipei by the Yunnan Governor, only irregulars have been in charge of affairs in Kunming.

These sources said that the proper Communist authorities, upon their arrival in the city, carefully investigated the charges made against the Bishop and decided they were unfounded.

Bishop Huang is not planning to come to Hong Kong, but will continue to preside over Anglican church affairs in Yunnan and Kweichow, despite his unpleasant experience.

He was well-treated during his period of confinement, and given the maximum of consideration. He was even allowed to administer to the religious needs of other prisoners.

## Hong Kong blood bank; no need for substitutes

Hong Kong has at present a sufficient supply in the blood bank, and there is no need to use substitutes.

In case of need, however, supplies of blood plasma can be brought from England at short notice.

This information was revealed by the Medical Department to the "Sunday Herald" yesterday in reply to a question as to whether Hong Kong had sufficient blood plasma substitute to meet normal requirements.

"There's nothing like the real stuff, and we appeal for more blood donors to build up our blood bank further," said the Medical Department spokesman who added that the response has so far been "fair" but that they could do with more.

He revealed that at present, whenever there is an operation where a blood transfusion may be necessary, an appeal is made to the patient's relatives.

## Introduces

The Medical Department has not yet made any enquiries regarding the blood bank, the spokesman said, adding that the response has been "fair" but that they could do with more.

"We have arrangements with manufacturers in England for supplies of substitutes if and when required. We have not yet made enquiries about this, but we shall certainly do so," said the spokesman.

Though it could not be confirmed, it is believed that Singapore does not have a blood bank of its own, but that it has a supply of blood plasma, and in consequence, greater effort has to be made to artificial blood.

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Stores and "China Mail" Office.

## THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT &amp; AGENCY CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN  
that the FIFTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY  
YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS  
in this Company will be held at the  
Offices of Messrs. Jardine  
Matheson & Co., Ltd., on  
MONDAY, 20th March, 1950,  
at NOON to receive the Report of  
the Directors together with the  
Statement of Accounts for the  
year ended 31st December, 1949,  
to confirm the appoint-  
ment of two Directors, to elect  
Directors, and to appoint Au-  
ditors.

THE REGISTER OF SHARES  
of the Company will be closed  
from MONDAY, 6th March,  
1950, to MONDAY, 20th March,  
1950, both days inclusive  
during which period no trans-  
fer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board  
of Directors,  
B. C. FIELD,  
Secretary.  
Hong Kong February 24, 1950.

## CHINA ENTERTAINMENT AND LAND INVESTMENT CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN  
that the Sixteenth Ordinary  
General Meeting of Sharehold-  
ers will be held at the Regis-  
tered Offices of the Company,  
King's Theatre Building, 5th  
floor, on Friday, the 31st day  
of March 1950 at 12 o'clock  
noon, to receive the Directors'  
Report and Accounts for the  
year ended 31st December 1949,  
to elect Directors and Auditors  
and to transact such other  
business as may be properly  
transacted at an Ordinary  
General Meeting of the Com-  
pany.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER  
HEREBY GIVEN that the Re-  
gister and transfer books of the  
Company will be closed from  
the 22nd to the 31st day of  
March 1950 both days inclusive.

GEORGE Y. K. SUN,  
Secretary.  
Hong Kong, March 18, 1950.

## H.K.S.P.C.A.

HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR  
THE PREVENTION OF  
CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

A General Meeting of the  
Society will be held on the  
24th March, in the Jacobean  
Room of the Hong Kong Hotel  
at 5.30 p.m.

Members of the Society and  
the interested Public are re-  
quested to attend.

## NOTICE OF REMOVAL

The Dental Practice now carried on by the  
undersigned at 297 Prince Edward Road will as  
from March 15, 1950 be carried on at the Hong-  
kong & Shanghai Bank Bldg.

Consulting Hours 9:00 to 1:00 & 2:00 to 6:00  
Telephone No. 20126

DR. VERNON S. MOUNTAIN  
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Dated March 15, 1950

## THE HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE, LIMITED

## NOTICE OF REMOVAL

As from Monday, 20th. March, 1950, the Hong Kong  
Stock Exchange, Limited, will be situate at Edinburgh House,  
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All Telephone Numbers remain unaltered.

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Kowloon, Apartments 3-4 Bedrooms from  
\$1,000 and terms to suit, or call from  
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## Telegrams

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## POLICE NOTICE

The following traffic ar-  
rangements have been made  
for the Military Parade at  
Merchant Navy Ground, Kow-  
loon on March 21, and March  
22, 1950.

## TRAFFIC STOPPAGE

1. Chatham Road between  
Middle Road and Gas-  
cogne Road will be closed  
to vehicular traffic be-  
tween the hours of 11.40  
hours and 12.15 hours  
both days.
2. Reserved Parking  
A. Chatham Road south  
of Austin Road on the  
west side.  
B. These areas will be re-  
served between 10.00  
hours and 12.15 hours.  
Overnight parkers to  
note.

COMMISSIONER  
OF POLICE  
March 17, 1950.

## POLICE NOTICE

It is hereby notified for gen-  
eral information that at about  
11.05 hours on Wednesday 15th  
March, 1950, a European Male  
was knocked down and fatally  
injured by a tramcar in Des  
Voeux Road, Central, near the  
H.K. and Shanghai Bank Build-  
ing.

Any witness of the occur-  
rence or any person who can  
give useful information is asked  
to communicate with Traffic  
Office, Hong Kong Telephone  
No. 39346 or any Police Station.

COMMISSIONER OF  
POLICE  
March 18, 1950.

## POLICE NOTICE

It is hereby notified for gen-  
eral information that at about  
13.00 hours on Wednesday,  
March 15, 1950, a young girl  
was fatally injured by a motor  
bus in Queen's Road, Central,  
near to Li Yuen Street, East.

The accident is believed to  
have been witnessed by the  
Driver of a Taxi or public car  
proceeding along Queen's Rd.  
in the direction of Kennedy  
Town.

Will any person who wit-  
nessed the accident or can give  
any information concerning the  
accident, please communicate  
with the Traffic Office, Hong  
Kong, Telephone No. 39346 or  
to the nearest Police Station.

COMMISSIONER OF  
POLICE  
March 16, 1950.

## NOTICE

## CHINA EMPORIUM, LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN  
that a Dividend of 80 cents  
and bonus of 20 cents amount-  
ing to \$1.00 per share free of  
tax as decided upon by the  
Shareholders' Annual Meeting  
is payable on the Company's  
share for the year ended De-  
cember 31, 1949. Sharehold-  
ers are requested to collect  
Dividends at our Registered  
Office, 2nd Floor, China Em-  
porium Building, Queen's  
Road, Central, on and after  
March 20, 1950 (Monday)  
daily from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30  
p.m. and 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.  
Saturdays from 10.30 a.m. to  
12.30 p.m. Sundays & Public  
holidays excepted.

By Order of the Board of  
Directors,  
CHINA EMPORIUM,  
LTD.,  
Hong Kong, March 10, 1950.

## APOLOGY

In the course of my broad-  
cast on "The Haunted House"  
over Rediffusion on 4th March  
1950, I made certain disparag-  
ing remarks against members  
of the Press.

I am satisfied that the re-  
marks in question are wholly  
unfounded and I hereby un-  
reservedly withdraw the same  
and tender my sincere regrets  
and apologies to all members  
of the Press, English and Chin-  
ese, for having made them.

LI NGAW.

Dated the 16th day of March,  
1950.

## NOTICE

## INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT

Applications for Personal  
Assessment

Year of Assessment 1948/49

Persons who wish to elect  
to be assessed to tax for the  
assessment year 1948/49 on  
their total incomes in accord-  
ance with the provisions of  
Chapter VII of the Inland Re-  
venue Ordinance, 1947, "Per-  
sonal Assessment") should note  
that all applications must be  
made not later than 31st March,  
1950.

Applications made after that  
date will be invalid and can-  
not be considered.

ERIC W. PUDNEY  
Commissioner of  
Inland Revenue.

March 18, 1950.

## THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

## NOTICE TO MEMBERS

## FOURTH RACE MEETING

Saturday, 25th March, 1950.

There are ten races, the First Race will be rung at 1.30 p.m.  
and the First Race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

Through Tickets (10 Races—\$20.00) may be obtained at the  
Office of the Treasurer, 1st Floor, Telephone House, also tickets for  
the Special Cash Sweep of the Hongkong Derby (over 250,000 tickets  
disposed of to date) to be run at the Easter Race Meeting in April,  
1950, which may be purchased also at the Club's Branch Office, No.  
382 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

There will be no Special Sweep on the last Race.

## MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the  
Meeting. Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies  
Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE  
MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting Ladies not in possession of Brooches or  
Season tickets and gentlemen, non members of the Club, to the  
Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.—Including  
tax, for Ladies or Gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary  
on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such Mem-  
ber to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for  
payment of all bills etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale  
at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurer's Comptroller Office will close at 11 a.m. and the  
Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. Both Offices at 1st Floor,  
Telephone House.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club  
House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy  
(Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S  
PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

## PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2.—including  
tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

BOOKMAKERS, TIC-TAC-MEN ETC. WILL NOT BE PER-  
MITTED TO OPERATE WITHIN THE PRECINCTS OF THE  
HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB DURING THE RACE MEETING.

MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE OBTAINABLE IN  
THE RESTAURANT IN THE PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

## SERVANTS' PASSES

Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only,  
who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to  
endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are  
not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through  
on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

BY ORDER,  
S. A. SLEAP,  
Secretary.



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## JANUARY

(December 21-January 19)  
A certain amount of conflict persists over business matters, but in spite of opposition you are likely to do well on Wednesday. Get all you can completed early in week, and don't leave vital interviews or correspondence later than Friday. A good week for clearing up family problems.

## FEBRUARY

(January 20-February 18)  
You should see good results this week from schemes launched earlier in the month. Also, important correspondence is likely to reach a satisfactory conclusion on Tuesday. Slightly upsetting week within the family circle but good for making new contacts and acquaintances.

## MARCH

(February 19-March 20)  
First half of week you may be kept making time at someone else's whim. Not until Friday or Saturday will you feel that vital undertakings are under way. Financially, a fairly propitious period with prospects of improvement end of month.

## APRIL

(March 21-April 20)  
Be wary of offers of help made in next few days. It is not likely that you get trustworthy new associates this week. Also, discount gossip and offers of "easy money" until Friday or Saturday. Important week for travel or correspondence.

## MAY

(April 21-May 20)  
Financially all continues well though your expenses may be heavier than you expected on Tuesday. End of week will probably bring victory over an old opponent or triumphant conclusion to a long drawn out controversy. Much talk of changes next month.

## JUNE

(May 21-June 20)  
An easy week provided you keep clear of intrigue and on the right side of older people. If someone tries to interest you in business or social feuds, keep clear. Strike of luck financially probably mid-week.

## JULY

(June 21-July 20)  
Increased business activity and probably additional responsibility before end of week. But main problem will still be something involving property or family. Better face the fact that you may be forced into momentous decisions before end of month.

## AUGUST

(July 21-August 21)  
After the first few days you will probably feel more cheerful than you have done for some time. A new contract likely to come through, or encouraging news from abroad. Your closest associate should also be doing well.

## SEPTEMBER

(August 22-September 22)  
Though you may feel that people are working against you in the next few days, take heart. As the week progresses the outlook becomes clearer and more

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# WHAT THE STARS FORETELL

By R.H. Naylor

In this weekly series of articles, one of the world's foremost experts in predicting the future gives his opinions on what you personally can expect in the weeks and months to come.

Look for your birth period below and find the general indications for the week. Note that these observations are made according to the Zodiacal Signs and do not exactly coincide with the Calendar Month. For example, January covers December 21-January 19.

encouraging. A new associate likely to be of great help to you before Saturday.

## OCTOBER

(September 23-October 23)  
Health and working conditions likely to improve before end of week. A new link-up promises well for the next six months. But changeable atmosphere still prevails in business and news may come of changes impending before end of year.

## NOVEMBER

(October 24-November 22)  
Get all the amusement and leisure you can first half of week. After Tuesday you may be closely tied and much occupied by problems of staff or routine. A difficult week for personal negotiations; remember to be tactful whatever happens.

## DECEMBER

(November 23-December 20)  
A period of "gambler's luck" likely early in week. But be careful what commitments you make or what responsibilities you take on about Thursday. Some restrictions that may have hampering progress of late likely to be removed.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 19: FOR MOST OF US:** Beware of small mishaps and unnecessary quarrels this morning. Postpone entertaining or personal problems until evening. **FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE:** Lavender, 7, Opal.

**BIRTHDAY FORECAST:** It will be useless to disguise the fact that the coming 12 months are likely to be stormy ones. However much you may love peace you are likely to be drawn into one controversy after another. But incidents of this kind should prove stimulating and you will come out of the fracas very successfully.

The next few weeks and a period round about October are likely to be the most disturbed of the year. It will be difficult to keep on good terms with old associates and more particularly with members of your own household. But probably plain speaking will clear the air and pave the way to beneficial changes before Christmas.

One great advantage of these stormy portents will be that you should find it possible to break up ties that have become irritating and unnecessary. Someone whom you have distrusted for many months is likely to blunder in any disputes there may be on hand. Hence it should be possible to make a clean break when most desired.

Health should be good for these influences are stimulating mentally and physically. But do be careful about small mishaps and more particularly about cuts and scalds. Better make sure, too, that you are covered against loss by fire.

One close relationship enters upon a difficult phase but on the whole you will find 1950 a happy year. Probably you will gain more through women than through men during these 12 months and your greatest happiness will be found in dealings with young people and children. A friend or relative some years your junior is likely to be a firm ally throughout 1950.

**MONDAY, MARCH 20: FOR MOST OF US:** Most propitious day socially but morning hours might be slightly adverse for finance. Chance of regaining lost ground though before evening. **FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE:** Cardinal Red, 3, Diamond.

**BIRTHDAY FORECAST:** It looks as though you will gain on the one hand and lose on the other throughout 1950. In some ways it promises to be one of the most fortunate years you have had for a long time. From another angle, it may be a period of misunderstanding and some loss.

Money is likely to come in very easily but may go out again as quickly. You will be doing well during most of the period and will probably be in generous mood. Hence the danger of being victimised by unscrupulous friends or relatives.

You will have no complaints about income this year, but it would be wise to be more cautious than usual about investments or savings. Don't put money into schemes that promise starting results within a few months. Careful saving or investment in gilt-edged would save a good deal of trouble early in 1951.

Socially you can hope for many prizes this year provided you keep on the right side of conventional people. Don't allow yourself to be led astray by glamorous but unreliable acquaintances. Those of established position and probably of middle age would probably be more helpful during the coming year.

If unmarried, don't hesitate to go ahead with engagement or marriage plans. But be quite sure that your future partner's plans are as clear cut as your own. If already married, the family is likely to prosper during 1950, but you may have more than a little trouble with interfering or malicious relatives.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 21: FOR MOST OF US:** A good day for experimental schemes and for changes. Mildly prohibitive too for speculation or social affairs. **FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE:** Electric Blue, 4, Diamond.

**BIRTHDAY FORECAST:** If you are blessed with originality and enterprise at birth, you will enjoy yourself to the full this year. If, however, you are a naturally cautious person, you may be a little baffled or even disturbed by developments of 1950.

What you have been doing during the last two or three years is not likely to avail you much during the next 12 months. Instead, you will probably have to face up to curious reshuffles and to changes both in your working life and in your environment. By Christmas time your existence may be running on very different lines.

Financially all seems well this year provided you are resourceful and not too conservative in outlook. It may be necessary to take a few business risks, but you are not likely to be seriously worried about pounds shillings and pence.

Social contacts will be all-important during the next few months. You will probably make new friends of unusual type and strange personality. The result may be some activity that is a

hobby at first but becomes a source of income later.

If you are a free agent, you will probably plunge into romantic adventures early in the year. But although you may lose your heart in 1950, marriage is problematical. If already married, don't try to hamper your partner's schemes for changes or for travel.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22: FOR MOST OF US:** Day of curious cross-currents and surprises. Better aim at completing jobs in hand rather than starting new ones. **FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE:** Navy Blue, 8, Dark Sapphire.

**BIRTHDAY FORECAST:** From time to time during the coming year you will feel baffled and uncertain about the future. You will be inclined to rush into changes unnecessarily, to cut free from what may seem to be an environment of restriction and hard work. But better remember that throughout the 12 months it will be tried friends and your regular occupation that stand you in good stead.

So resist temptations to cut loose from what you are doing at the moment. The earliest period in which you could make reshuffles with some hope of success would be January 1951. But, taking a long view, it will be better not to plan changes for some little time.

If worried about finance, turn to people you have known for some years or to the family. If doubtful about investments, put any surplus money into house property or land. Better avoid speculation of any kind throughout the year.

Travel is not likely to bring you any benefits during 1950, although you will probably get the opportunity to go abroad. The more you stay at home, the greater your chances of happiness and wellbeing in the coming twelve months.

Relationships with older people will bring a good deal of content as well as material benefits. But you are in some danger of losing your heart and your head together about July or August. Where new friendships, love affairs or engagements are concerned, be ultra-cautious during 1950.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 23: FOR MOST OF US:** Be careful—what you spend or what you promise during first half of day. Whatever attractive offers may be made

to you, ask for time to think them over. **FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE:** Dark Yellow, 5, Onyx.

**BIRTHDAY FORECAST:** You may begin this new year of life in an atmosphere of contention. Discussions and even quarrels about money are likely right from the first few weeks of the year. But after September or October you will probably find that conditions are easier and that controversy has died down.

So try to keep your head about details of finance in the early part of your birthday year. Your best policy would probably be indifference at all costs. It might be worthwhile sacrificing a little money for the sake of personal freedom. Cutting your losses might be a sound idea between now and the end of August.

During the latter half of the year you will probably get a chance to travel or to make interesting changes. Don't neglect opportunities of this kind though they may not bring any increase in income. Indeed, you are not likely to make a great deal of money in 1950, though you may gain valuable experiences and be very happy.

It is not worthwhile spending much money on entertaining or social life. Disappointment is probable if you try to keep up with prosperous friends or have social ambitions. You will get more help and certainly more amusement from contacts with those of unusual type or with foreigners.

Look for happiness to young people or children this year and make the most of any old but interesting people who may come into your life. If still single it might be as well to postpone engagement or marriage plans.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 24: FOR MOST OF US:** A good day for those with initiative and energy. Tackle difficult jobs, take risks, make changes. **FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE:** Vermillion, 9, Bloodstone.

**BIRTHDAY FORECAST:** If you have anything of the adventurer in your make-up (most people born with the Sun in Arles have this) then you will enjoy yourself thoroughly in 1950. It should be a year of great progress, of personal success, provided you can face up to difficulties and possibly to danger.

A change of some kind seems inevitable some time between June and the end of August. You will probably take up some scheme on your own initiative or make a complete break with what you have been doing of late. Whatever you do about this time must be done independently and with little hope of co-operation.

You need not worry about finances in the coming 12 months. Money will come in whether or not you scheme for it. You may also benefit rather surprisingly through speculation during August, October or November.

Travel is likely and you will be wise to go abroad if you get the chance. If your work takes you out of doors or involves physical endurance and hardihood, so much the better. It is also a good year for dealing in cars or machinery of any kind.

Go ahead with engagement or marriage plans. You could hardly have better year for getting tied up. If already married, it is unlikely that you will stay in your present house for more than a few months longer. More than one change of residence is probable before the end of 1950.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 25: FOR MOST OF US:** Today may begin depressingly but brightens towards noon. In spite of doubt and difficulty, a good day for personal affairs and for anything that needs tact and finesse. **FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE:** Pastel Shades, 6, Turquoise.

**BIRTHDAY FORECAST:** Although this year may open with a disappointment it is likely to prove a fortunate one on the whole. So be patient in face of difficulties during the first few months and console yourself with the thought of success and happiness later in the year.

Some scheme that involves older people and probably relatives seems to fall flat in the next few weeks. Or some older person on whom you had relied goes away or is no longer interested. There is some likelihood of a bereavement among the older generation.

Financially it will be a year of ups and downs but any ground lost earlier in the year will be made up about October. Also during that month you are likely to make money in some original and highly successful scheme.

Don't worry about the past or about mistakes you may have made in the last few years, and don't hesitate to leave your present neighbourhood or break away from the family if necessary. A chance to travel overseas may bring new hope and brighter prospects in a few months time.

Though family affairs and relationships with older people may be under a cloud this year, you will find a good deal of happiness in new friendships. If still untied it is likely to be a year of romantic adventure and unusual link-ups. Better not plunge into marriage or engagement though just yet.



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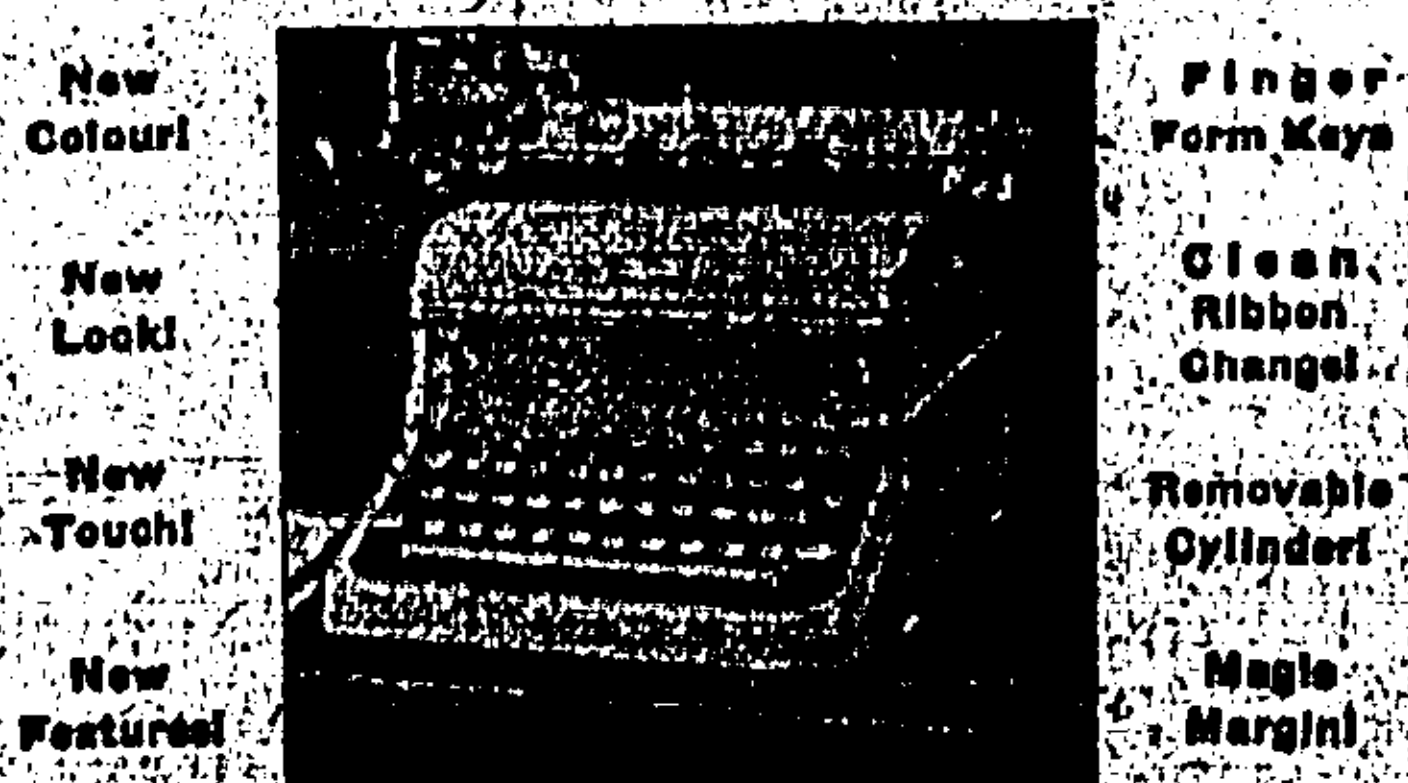
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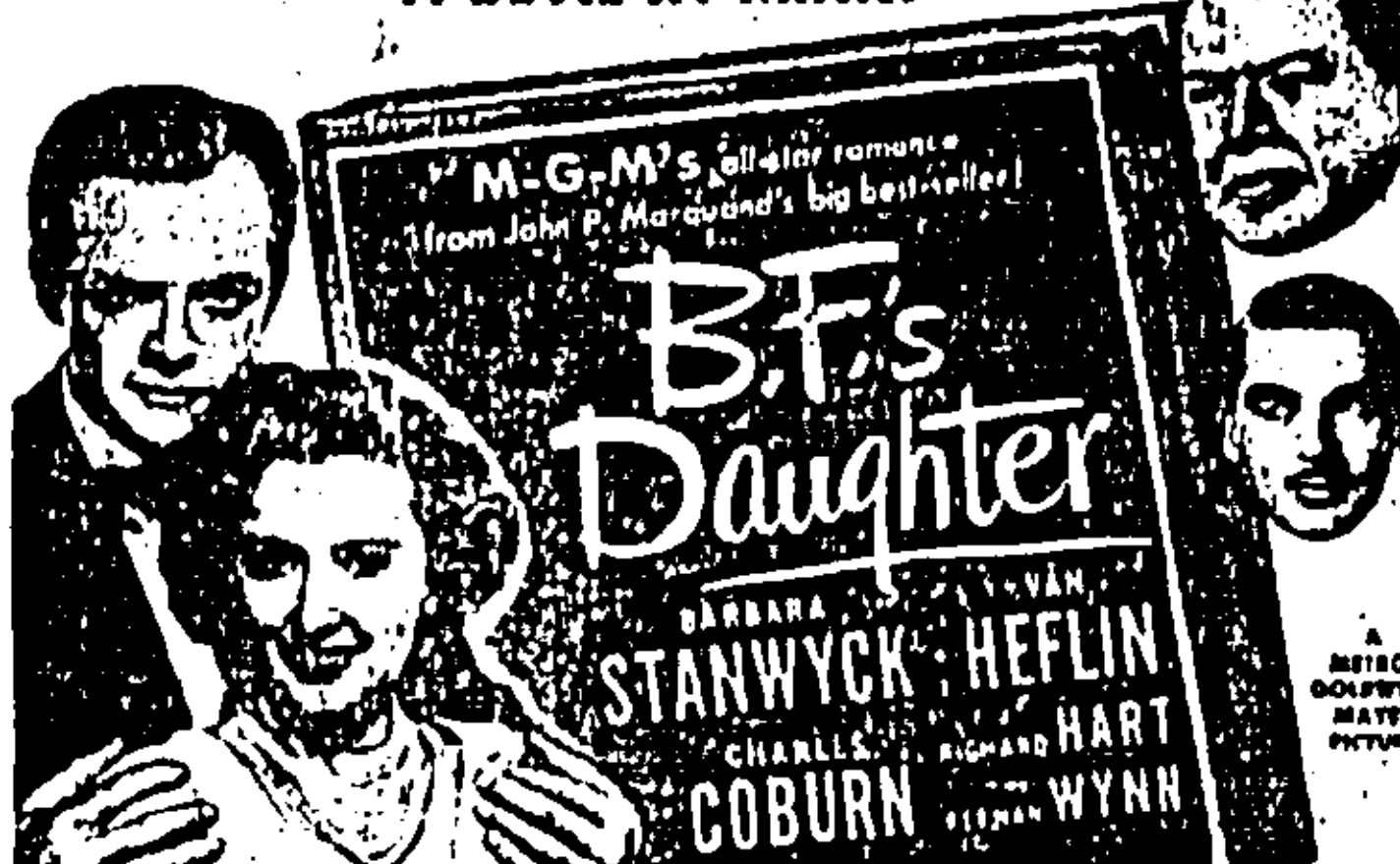
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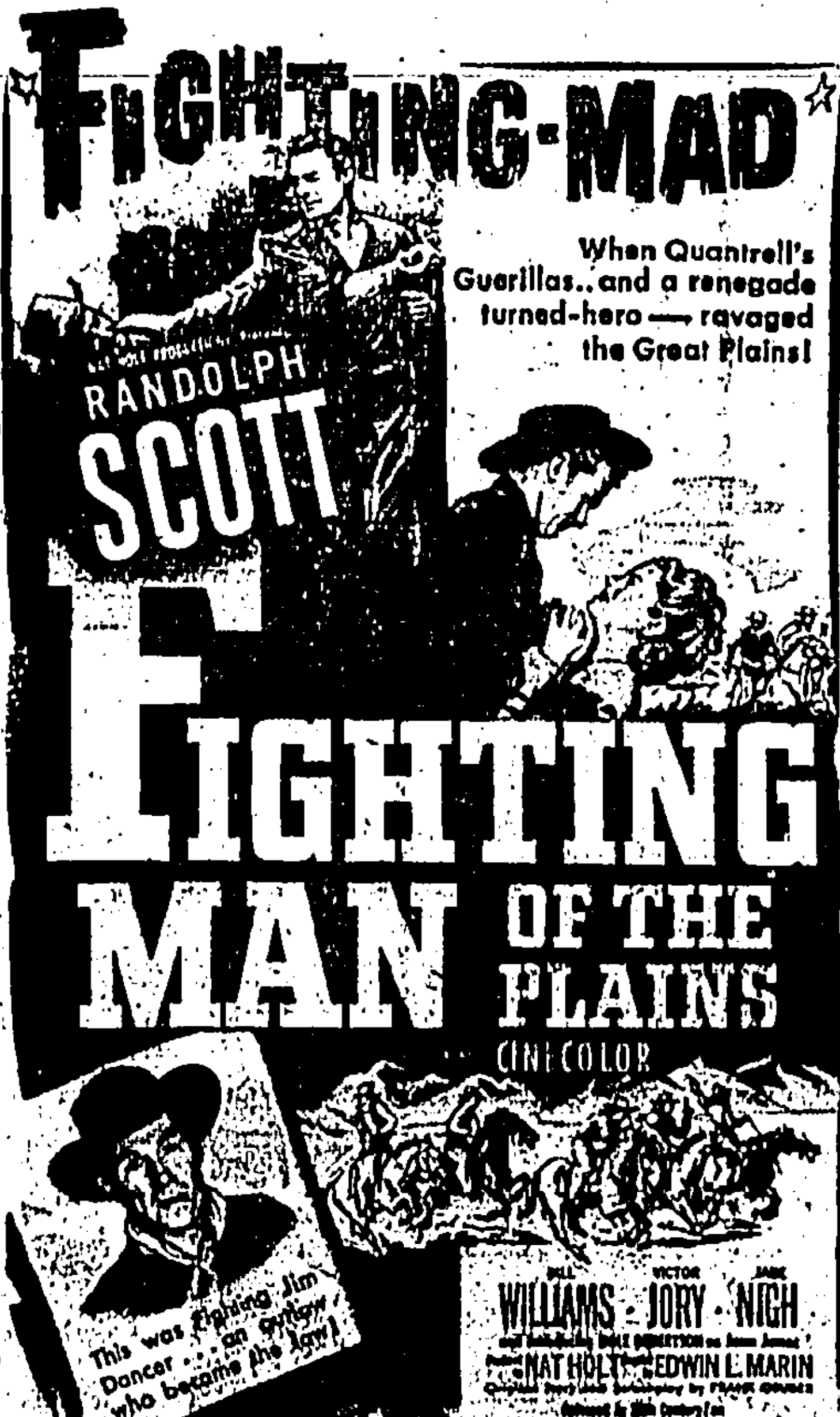
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## Bergman to fight for daughter

Hollywood, March 17. Ingrid Bergman will return to Hollywood to "make the fight of her life" for the custody of her daughter against charges that she is unfit to have the child, her attorney said today.

"Ingrid is determined to make the fight of her life for the possession of Pia," the attorney, Greg Bautzer, said. "The foremost thing in her life is the custody of her child."

Mr. Bautzer's disclosure of the intentions of the Swedish actress follows Dr. Peter Lindstrom's announcement on Thursday that he intends to file suit for a divorce and demand the custody of Pia, the couple's 12-year-old daughter.

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## TITO MAY WANT A NEW TRIESTE DEAL

Trieste, March 18.

Hints are beginning to be dropped in diplomatic circles that Yugoslavia would like to re-examine the question of the Free Territory of Trieste, with the possibility of arriving at a different solution from that which prevails. This tiny state at the head of the Adriatic was created in 1947 by the Italian peace treaty.

It provided for an international province between the Italian and Yugoslav borders under United Nations administration. A neutral governor, responsible to the United Nations, was to have been appointed, but until then Allied Military Government was to continue to administer the area.

Under the prevailing situation Zone A, including the Western portion of the territory and all of the city of Trieste, remains under British-United States supervision. It is commanded by Major-General Terence S. Airey (a British officer) with 10,000 British and United States troops stationed there. Zone B is under Yugoslav Army supervision.

The Yugoslavs have been busily imposing their own form of Communist economy and political administration on Zone B, and have also taken care to weed out elements that appear to be anti-Tito, whether they are pro-Communist or so-called capitalist.

On March 20, 1948, the United States, Britain and France announced their desire to see the entire area, which was part of Italy before the war, returned to Italy on the ground that the present situation was not working out properly. Clearly, the timing of that announcement was designed to produce an anti-Communist propaganda effect in the Italian elections of April 19, 1948. Marshal Tito, at that time, was still in the Communist.

It was suspected then that Moscow had been planning also for election propaganda campaigns—to plump for giving Trieste and all of Zone A to Italy, but assigning Zone B to Yugoslavia. The Western Allies statement cut the ground under any such scheme.

However, that same spring Marshal Tito split with Moscow

and the Cominform, which had a complicating effect upon the already complicated situation. Belgrade suddenly began to insist that the peace treaty should be carried out to the letter and that a governor be appointed for the Free Territory. Rome, ever since March 20 of that year, has demanded control of the entire area and abandonment of the international status.

Many diplomats have suspected recently that Moscow might surprise the world by suddenly endorsing the Western powers' March 20 programme in order to punish Marshal Tito for his anti-Stalin stand, to gain favour among the Italian Communists and to remove the British-American garrison from proximity to Yugoslavia and Central Europe.

However, to the surprise of those who entertained such views, the Kremlin allowed the "New Times," Soviet Foreign Office organ, to publish a few weeks ago an article demanding that a governor be appointed.

Almost at the same time, various quiet hints began to be dropped by Yugoslav spokesmen in Washington, Paris, Rome and elsewhere to the effect that it would perhaps be a good idea for Italy and Yugoslavia to review their problems and come to an agreement on Trieste.

Obviously, Yugoslavia still would like partition of the territory and absorption of Zone B. Recently Giuseppe Dekleva, the only pro-Tito member of Trieste's Municipal Council, said that his party opposed unification of Zones A and B and likewise opposed the appointment of a governor. The only solution, he suggested, would be bilateral conversations to settle the problem—between Rome and Belgrade.

However, despite what the Italians interpret as a softening of Yugoslav attitude, no prospect of an imminent solution appears on the horizon. Although Rome would be willing to agree to minor frontier rectifications on the basis of ethnic claims, it insists in principle on claiming the entire Territory.

U.S. aid

There are two current trends of speculation concerning what the West expects is a change in the Yugoslav attitude.

The first is that Belgrade was anxious to exert political pressure for concessions in exchange for economic aid when the new United States Ambassador, George V. Allen, arrived.

The second is that Belgrade feared the Soviet Union might suddenly agree to award the entire territory to Italy. As a result, according to this line of thought, it wished to show a desire to negotiate a bilateral settlement with the implied argument that Italy would certainly rather have a friendly neighbour to the East than one enraged by a Soviet trick.

The present situation, despite these delicate developments, does not appear any decisive change.

There are those who say that Belgrade would be pleased with a "confirmed" impasse. Having hinted at its willingness to negotiate a settlement, it is argued, Yugoslavia is quite happy to maintain de facto control of Zone B, plus the additional advantage of British and United States troops remaining in Zone A, whose presence might deter the Russians from any explosive attempt against Marshal Tito.

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10.15—"Sweet Serenade"—Peter York and His Concert Orchestra, with Pauline Green and Steve Conway. (DBCTB)

11.00—"Service from the Studio"—by LA. Colwell, F. Waller, S. A. A.

11.15—"Melodies of Oscar Straus. P.M.

12.00—"Sports Time by Bill Phillips. (Studio)

12.05—"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary.

12.10—"Ray Kinney and His Hawaiian Musical Serenades."

12.15—"Popular Varieties with Roberto Torres and His Orchestra."

12.20—"Dinah Shore and Her Wood. (Vocal)

1.15—"News Weather Report and Announcements."

1.25—"Tales of the Week."

1.30—"Morning Concert."

2.00—"Take It From Here"—With Joy Nichols, Dick Bentley and Jimmy Edwards. (DBCTB)

2.05—"Short Story"—"The Best Tree"—by Stacy Aumonier.

2.10—"Read by John Loveless. (Studio)

4.30—"Favourites from the Films."

5.00—"Home Requests"—Presented by Jackie Palmer. (Studio)

6.00—"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary.

6.05—"A Short Recital by Richard Crooks. (Tutor)

6.15—"Weekly News-Letter. (London Relay)

6.30—"Services Even-Song—Conducted by the Rev. D. Young. R. N. (Studio)

7.00—"World News and News Analysis. (London Relay)

7.15—"Looking Ahead"—A Review of the Week's Programme.

7.30—"Dinner Music."

8.00—"From the Editorials." (London Relay)

8.10—"Re-broadcast of Commentary of Ceremonial Parade 40th Infantry Division which took place at Bek Kong on Friday, March 18th."

8.45—"Symphony Concert—Beethoven's Concerto in D Major Op. 61. Jascha Heifetz (Violin) and the NBC Symphony Orchestra Conducted by Arturo Toscanini."

9.15—"Symphony No. 5 in F Flat Major, Op. 68 Boston Symphony Orch. conducted by Serge Koussevitzky."

10.00—"Radio News Beat. (London Relay)

10.15—"Weather Report."

10.30—"Chapter and Verse—An Anthology of Irish Poems. (DBCTB)

10.45—"Madrigal Singers. (With Piano Accompaniment) Zigeunerchor—Oliver Sögar."

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11.00—"Weather Report, World News and Home News from Britain. (London Relay recorded)"

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## Rediffusion

A.M.

6.00—"Up with the Sun."

6.30—"News and Weather Report."

6.45—"Olympic."

7.00—"Morning Music."

7.30—"Sunday Variety."

8.00—"Harmony Hall."

10.15—"Festival of Waltzes."

10.30—"Church Service."

Light Music.

Organ Melodies.

P.M.

12.00—"The Music of Paris."

12.30—"Lunch Time Music."

1.15—"News and Weather Report."

1.30—"Popular Concert."

2.00—"Afternoon Musicale."

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4.00—"Curtain Call."

4.30—"Ten Time Times."

5.00—"Music Hall Varieties."

5.30—"March Serenade."

6.00—"Music Favourites."

6.30—"Just For You."

6.45—"A special feature for Children."

7.00—"B.B.C. News."

7.10—"Local News."

7.15—"The Grade Fields" Show."

7.45—"Listen to Leibel."

8.00—"Songs of the Nations."

8.15—"Sammy Kaye and his Orch."

8.30—"Wings of Darkness."

8.45—"Stories from the Shows"

9.00—"B.B.C. News."

9.10—"Local News."

9.15—"Classics for Today"

9.30—"London Playhouse"

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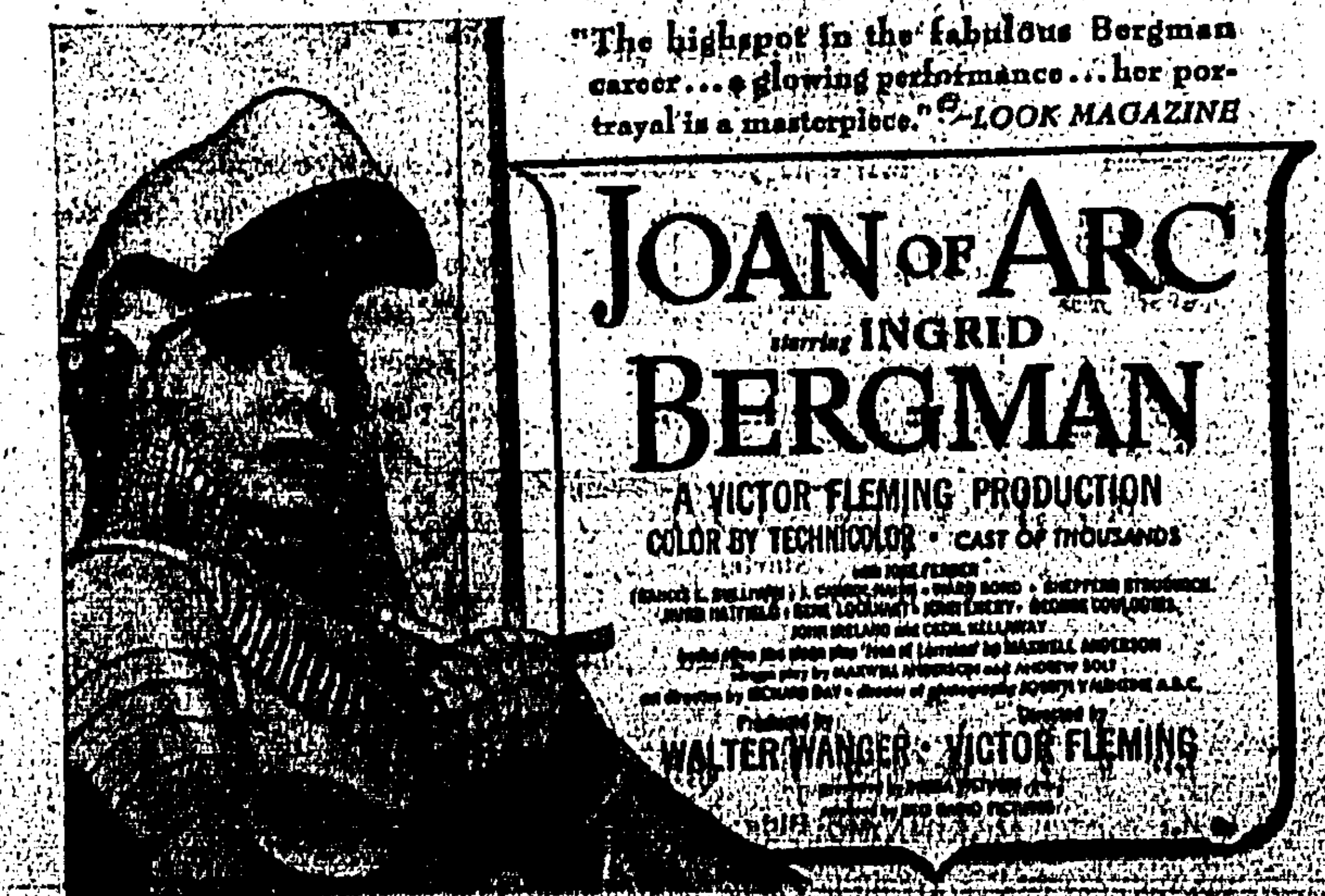
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### Armed truce

London Conservative officials are now subjecting to close analysis the tense new political situation. "It is for the Labour Government to make the first move, of course, but we're keeping our powder dry," was one comment.

There has been no indication that the Conservative machine in the London divisions functioned in any but a smooth and efficient way. However, it is expected that a series of local discussions will be held to digest the lessons of the election campaign and to remedy any minor weaknesses that may be brought to light.

Two factors will strongly influence future strategic planning. One is the unprecedented heaviness of the poll, which somewhat exceeded calculations and throw some estimates a little out.

The other is the Liberal vote. Specimen chagrins is felt at the intervention of the Liberals in four constituencies where, without their own candidates enjoying any prospect of victory — they may well have spoiled the excellent Tory chances of capturing the seats.

### Relationship with Europe

One of the earliest and most important decisions required of Mr. Attlee's new Cabinet will be in connection with Britain's future economic relationship with Western Europe.

Time for further consideration is running short as meetings of the "Inner Cabinets" of the Marshall Aid authorities in Europe and the Council of Europe are due within the next few weeks, and at these both our American and Continental associates are anxious that the groundwork should be planned for a united and solvent European economy, to be ready for the end of Marshall Aid in 1952.

### Diplomatic capital

Meanwhile it looks as if London will become the world's unofficial diplomatic capital during the next months.

The Foreign Ministers of Britain, America and France are due to hold a special meeting here late in March or in early April, and it is expected that the Foreign and Defence Ministers of all the Atlantic Pact Powers will attend the second meeting of the North Atlantic Treaty Council, also in London, at the same time.

Now there seems a good chance that London may be the scene of a special spring session of the United Nations Security Council and General Assembly.

Mr. Trygve Lie, the U.N. Secretary-General, with the support of the Western Governments, is understood to be timing at such a meeting in Europe, at which a major attempt could be made to deal with such issues as the representation of China at U.N. and the international control of atomic weapons.

The last and only time London was host to the United Nations was at its inaugural meeting four years ago. Since then accommodation and general facilities have been much improved, and Mr. Bevin is known to have pressed Britain's claim to be the venue for the next European gathering.

### Kashmir crisis

I understand that important exchanges are now in progress between Britain, Canada and the United States, and other countries, with a view to arranging a new United Nations attempt to mediate in the Kashmir dispute between India and Pakistan, which is steadily growing more bitter and explosive.

Mr. Bevin and the new Commonwealth Relations Secretary, Mr. Patrick Gordon Walker, are believed to have advised against any direct Commonwealth bid at reconciling the two parties, despite the strong feeling, particularly in Pakistan, that such an effort should be made. The attitude here is that Empire action of this kind is likely, because of the

extremely delicate situation between the two Dominions, to weaken Commonwealth ties.

The best machinery to employ in the circumstances would therefore be the United Nations, and it is hoped that acting in the name of this world authority, a Western Statesman of high personal repute will undertake a new conciliation mission. One name mentioned in this connection is that of Dr. Philip Jessup, President Truman's Ambassador-at-large.

### Sole survivor

Under pressure of high taxation and death duties the stately homes of England are rapidly disappearing, as such.

It looks as though soon enough the one survivor still in private occupation will be Chequer Court, the superb old Tudor mansion in the Chilterns given by Lord Lee of Fareham to the nation as a country residence for England's Prime Ministers.

Recalling that only a multi-millionaire could afford its upkeep, Lord Lee endowed the place with £250,000 for that very purpose, out of which the resident Prime Minister receives £15 for every week-end he spends there. During Mr. Churchill's wartime tenancy, 50 soldiers kept strict guard.

### Fair prospects

To anyone acquainted with the amenities of Chequer Court, its mullioned windows and arched roofs, its lovely grounds, the fair vistas from its upper storeys extending on a clear day as far as Salisbury Plain and the Welsh mountains, its historical memories, the marvel is that anyone should have the heart to part with the place.

Under the roof, still as it was centuries ago, is an apartment in which Lady Jane Grey's sister was imprisoned by Queen Elizabeth for marrying without Royal consent. The library contains many valuable and rare books and manuscripts, with the autographs of a long list of celebrities past and present. Each successive Prime Minister leaves his own memento, and every year the roll of famous visitors, foreign and Dominion grows longer.

Chequer Court is just about an easy hour's motor drive from Downing Street, and small wonder the occupants of Number 10 go there as often as they can.

### Nelson relics

Four-figure bids are expected at a London auction room when relics of Lord Nelson come under the hammer. Hitherto, the relics have been in the possession of the family of John Scott, the victor of Trafalgar's secretary.

They include a 44-page letter book from Nelson's flagship, the Victory, covering correspondence from August, 1803, to December 1805, dealing with such matters as prize-money, fleet movements and personnel. Nelson's requirements in uniforms, and a jotted commentary on Napoleon Bonaparte.

Also on sale will be a number of John Scott's letters to his wife, describing life on board the warship, one declaring that he was making his last voyage, and that he hoped to spend Christmas at home. In an unexpected and poignant way, the voyage did prove to be his last, for like the great Admiral he served, John Scott was killed at the Battle of Trafalgar.

### TV by shilling in slot

A shilling-in-the-slot plan may bring television to thousands of people unable to afford the initial outlay for a set.

The idea is that of Mr. Jack Atkinson, London radio firm director, formerly of South Shields, and involves only a small meter, adapted with an electric clock mechanism at a cost of £25.

Mr. Atkinson showed me a small television set fitted with the meter. He put in a shilling and the screen came to life. A red light glowed after 27 minutes, and the set switched itself off three minutes later.

Mr. Atkinson believes the idea will be popular in hotels and youth clubs.

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### Malta visit

Unless there is a last-minute alteration in her programme, Princess Elizabeth will spend the anniversary of her 24th birthday at Malta with her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh.

She has declined all invitations in this country for the month of April so that her visit to Malta will not be interrupted.

The Princess hopes to leave London during the last week of March, remaining at Malta until the early days of May. Her Highness's last public engagement here is at Aintree on Thursday, March 23, to see Monaveen, jointly owned by the Queen and herself, run in the Grand National.

She hopes to be back for the first presentation party at Buckingham Palace on Thursday, May 4. During this time the King and Queen will be in residence at Windsor, and Prince Charles will be with them most of the time.

### Perfect post

While waiting for an overdue bus, Londoners may in future be able to console themselves by gazing in rapture at the bus-stop post.

A new type has been evolved to "fit well into any surroundings" and "combine beauty and visibility with ease of maintenance." Completely streamlined from tip to pavement, and with the curves and ledges of earlier types eliminated, it is described as "rather like a sword in shape." Even the flag has been streamlined to avert distracting ledges. This bus stop beautiful will be introduced wherever new signs or replacements for London's 30 existing types are needed.

### By the ton

This week Britain's mail for overseas is being swollen by more than 40 tons of catalogues addressed to 100 different territories.

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The fair opens in May, with more than 2,000 exhibitors.

### Communist threat

SING TAO JIH PAO: America's preparation for war indicates that the United States has no alternative but to defeat Communism on the battlefield.

It is obvious that the two opposing blocs cannot live in harmony unless the fundamental conflict is ended to pave the way to a permanent peaceful settlement.

One of the world's major systems for solving economic problems is the Marshall Plan. But — can the Marshall Plan check the increasing threat of Communism? The answer is can the United States people bear the burden indefinitely — the burden of paying for rehabilitation materials and military equipment.

It is obvious that unbridled spending and budget deficits will result in an economic crisis in the United States.

### More taxes

NEW LIFE EVENING POST: It is inopportune at this time to even suggest an increase in taxation. It is an illogical move.

The fact is a depression in the Colony and business is at a standstill. Increased taxation will only aggravate the economic problems in the Colony's trading field.

It is also unfair that persons with huge idle capital should be allowed to enjoy the benefits of Hong Kong without being affected by taxation while bona fide businessmen have to be burdened with increased taxes.

To make up the budget deficit, the Government should organise public lotteries monthly to raise the necessary funds. Government seems more inclined to ponder over methods of bringing in more money than the welfare of the people. For example the price of rice has increased sharply, but no measures are taken to curb the upward trend.

## What the CHINESE PRESS is saying

### Price of rice

SING TAO JIH PAO: One of the most urgent questions affecting the livelihood of the local community is the stabilisation of the price of rice.

The price of high grade rice has recently soared to an unprecedented high level. As rice is the staple food of the majority, the question is an urgent one.

Rice merchants have explained that the official ban on the export of rice from China is the reason for the recent increases. In other words they put the blame on shortage of supplies. But is there really a shortage? One wonders how much rice stocks are in the hands of the merchants and whether the increased prices are a result of manipulation? These questions should be taken up by the authorities concerned for careful study.

The recent increases do not affect medium and low grade rice. The reason apparently is the present large stocks in the hands of the Government which can be released to the market to curb the rising prices. It is therefore necessary for Government to release high grade rice in the market to stabilise the prices.

An important factor in any attempt to stabilise prices, is to ensure a constant source of supply. And to do so, rice merchants should be permitted to make purchases from the free markets in Indo-China and Siam.

KUNG SHEUNG MAN PO: One dares not imagine what would happen could the present trend in the increase in rice prices be allowed to continue unchecked. In the past, Hong Kong depended for part of its rice supplies on exports from the China mainland.

This source has now been cut off. Should the Chinese Communists persist in this policy it may turn out to be a boomerang for them. The day may come

### Colony's education

WAH KIU YAT PO: It has been estimated that there are some 140,000 children in schools. This is only a fraction of the total population. A long distance is still to be travelled if education is to become widespread in the Colony.

Three years ago, the number of children without schooling facilities was estimated at 50,000. In view of the continued influx of people into Hong Kong, this number obviously must have increased considerably. This makes the schooling question a serious problem here.

Recent much appreciated news was the report that the Hong Kong Government has undertaken to bear half the cost of any public school the residents of Aberdeen may plan to build in the district.

The same privileges should be made universal in Hong Kong, not exclusively for Aberdeen. This is the only way to relieve the shortage of schools and make education popular in the Colony.

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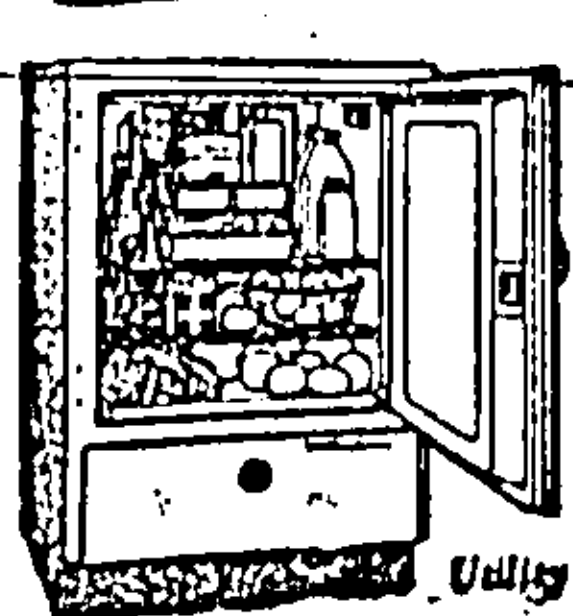
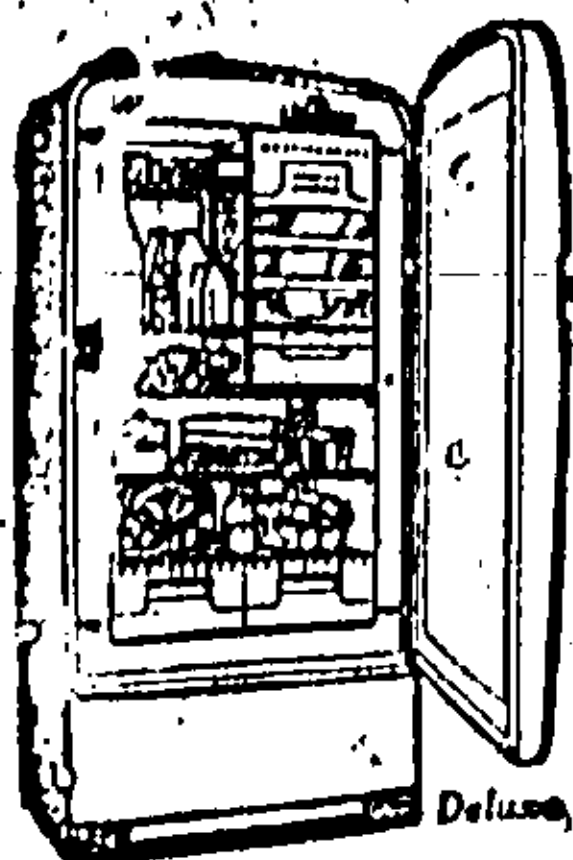
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## Arms smugglers busy in Tonkin

Paris, March 17. French reconnaissance aircraft have discovered intense night activity on the Sino-Vietnam frontier near Cao Bang, where Vietminh guerrillas are receiving arms from Chinese gun runners the France Press Agency reported tonight from Saigon.

The agency said that a route for the traffic had been marked out in the jungle hills by white posts.

It quoted official quarters as saying that 30,000 rifles bought from the Peking Government had been smuggled to Vietminh guerrillas in Chinese Communist junks.

Independent Chinese Communist guerrillas have surrounded the Franco-Vietnam outpost of Man Mel, Huang Su Phi, and presented it with a "surrender-or-perish" ultimatum, the Agency added.

Red China recently recognised the Vietnam Republic of Moscow-trained Ho Chi-minh, who is fighting Bao Dai's Vietnam and the French.

The radio station under Ho Chi-minh's control has warned of a general strike and acts of terrorism due on Saturday. The French do not fear large-scale actions, but think the guerrillas may take over and hold some suburbs for a few hours.

According to the French, the Republic has created committees to buy and take delivery of light arms and artillery. Aerial reconnaissance reported busy night traffic on roads linking the guerrilla-controlled mountain range of Central Tonkin with Communist China.

**Roads rebuilt**  
The roads are said to have been rebuilt by Ho's followers,

with a detour to avoid Cao Bang, Westernmost point held by the French, about 90 miles North of Hanoi.

It is also reported that the pro-Communist Vietminh party had bought 30,000 rifles in January at Canton and sent them up the Yunkiang River.

Nationalist Chinese said they attacked the river boats, and destroyed four of the 20 junks, recovering four machine-guns and 5,000 rifles.

The shipment was believed to be destined for a Vietminh offensive to reconquer the Tonkin delta.

The French allege that the Vietminh have agreed to let the Chinese Communists harvest the opium crop in return for arms.

Reuter and Associated Press.

### PRINCESS BETTER

London, March 17.

Princess Margaret is recovering from the influenza attack which has kept her indoors at Buckingham Palace for the past 10 days.

She was well enough to leave by car today for Royal Lodge, Windsor, where she will spend the week-end with the King and Queen.—Reuter.

## Ten bodies found in Truculent

Sheerness, March 17. A search party today recovered nine more bodies from the salvaged submarine Truculent. One body was taken from the beached ship last night.

The search for additional victims inside Truculent's smashed hull continues.

Sixty-four members of the crew and dockyard workers died when Truculent sank after a collision with the Swedish tanker Divina in the Thames estuary on January 12. It is believed that most of them were drowned after making their escape from the sunken ship.

The 1,000-ton submarine was raised from its grave in 84 feet of water on Tuesday and beached off Sheerness. Salvage experts hope to refloat her early next week.—Associated Press.

## SERETSE LEAVING TOMORROW

London, March 17.

Seretse Khama, exiled chief-designate of the Bamangwato tribe, will leave London on Monday for Bechuanaland.

He accepted today the British Government's offer of a passage on a British Overseas Airways flying boat.

The Liberal "Manchester Guardian" declared in its main editorial today that the Seretse Khama affair had made a reconsideration of the British Government's general policy on racial relations in the Commonwealth imperative.

It suggested that to keep the Commonwealth intact and yet to maintain the principle of no racial discrimination Britain should try to change the outlook of South Africa.

"There is no doubt about sentiment in this country," the "Manchester Guardian" said. "The paper said that the Government's decision regarding Seretse has had the emotional effect of a Munich."

"No one has been able to escape the impression that the decision was an act of appeasement. The deeper question is whether, as Ministers possibly believed, the British Government was so placed that it had no choice but to appease, if that was really so, things are far more seriously wrong with the Commonwealth than most people suspect."

That is what makes a fresh examination of policy so urgently necessary. The paper concluded, "It would be the best way out to out South Africa drift to go to disaster in her own way, without involving the rest of us in the smash. But it would be a last resort, to which we are not yet driven."

"Perhaps there is a third way, more difficult and more exacting to follow, but more rewarding if successful. We can strive at once to keep South Africa in the Commonwealth, and, by all means, in our power to change the South African outlook."—Reuter.

## CANADIAN OFFER TO ALLIES

Ottawa, March 17.

Canada will invite her allies in the Atlantic Treaty to use Canadian bases for air and ground training of their military forces. Several hundred men will arrive in Canada from various Atlantic Treaty countries each year for specialised training.

Invitations to the Treaty allies have already been approved and details of the plan are expected to be announced in Parliament later today by the Defence Minister, Mr. Brooke Claxton.—Reuter.



"DON'T THEY KNOW THAT DIRECTION OF LABOUR ENDS THIS WEEK?"

## CHINESE COMMUNISTS MEETING OPPOSITION

Washington, March 17.

The Chinese Communists are already meeting resistance from the Chinese people, but there is no prospect of large-scale opposition to the Red regime in the foreseeable future.

A report to this effect was issued by the Foreign Policy Association today.

The report was written by A. Donk Barnett, associate of the Institute of Current World Affairs, New York, who recently returned from a two-year stay in China.

The Foreign Policy Association published Mr. Barnett's report in co-operation with the American Institute of Pacific Affairs.

Mr. Barnett said the Communists are having difficulty selling their strongly pro-Russian line to the Chinese public, and Chinese nationalism in time may well boomerang and direct its force against the Communists and the Soviet Union.

The Communists are meeting with increased opposition from the peasants to the heavy grain levies needed to support the expanding army and bureaucracy, and isolated peasant uprisings have taken place in many scattered places during the last year.

**Business slump**  
He said, "In the cities, too the slow process of disillusionment and passive resistance has already begun. The general slump in business and trade is one reason. The Communist constant interference in the people's ordinary lives is another."

Mr. Barnett predicts that, in the foreseeable future, the Communists are the only ones who can rule China.

There is no organised opposition, and the Communist Party is the one efficient, effective political machine with a positive programme in China.

He said: "The only alternative to the Communists today in China is break-up, disunity, and chaos—and these are not inspiring prospects for the tired Chinese people. An opposition may develop in time, as the growth of disillusionment at present indicates."

Mr. Barnett recommended a reevaluation of American Far Eastern policy, based on an adequate understanding of what has occurred and what is currently taking place in China.

He said: "United States support and aid have delayed the Kuomintang's decline, and Soviet inspiration and assistance have helped the Communists. But neither the United States nor the Soviet Union has determined the course of events in China."—United Press.

## VATICAN EXPECTS TROUBLE

Vatican City, March 17.

High Vatican sources forecast the imminent wholesale expulsion by the Communists of all foreign priests, monks and nuns from Eastern Europe.

This, they said, will probably be the next step by the Communists after the expulsion of Monsignor Ottavio de Liva, chargé d'affaires of the Papal Nunciature in Prague.

The Vatican is to make a strong protest to the Czechoslovak Government against Monsignor de Liva's expulsion, described by Vatican circles today as an unheard-of affront without precedent in the annals of diplomacy. The expulsion of Monsignor de Liva leaves the Church in Czechoslovakia without any direct contact with Rome, the Vatican Radio said today.

The Czechoslovak chargé d'affaires at the Holy See, Dr. Ilya Rath, told Reuter today that he does not yet know whether he will be recalled following Monsignor de Liva's expulsion, and he threatened complete break of diplomatic relations between the Vatican and Czechoslovakia. "I am waiting instructions from Prague," he said.—Reuter.

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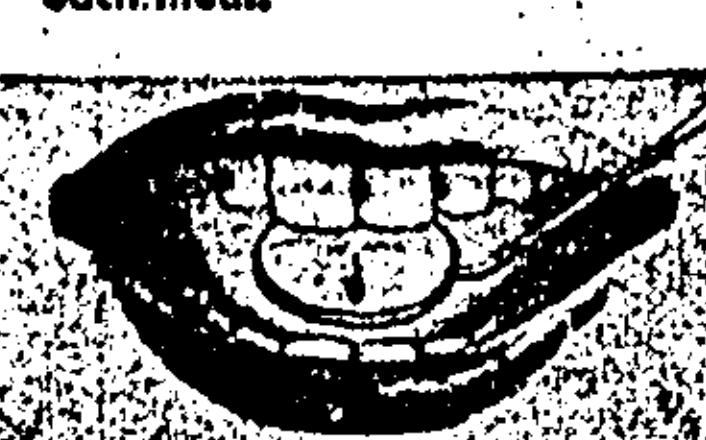
Bucharest, March 17. The Cominform journal, published here, complained today that it is being prevented from reaching India, Australia and South Africa. Copies are always confiscated, it said.—Reuter.



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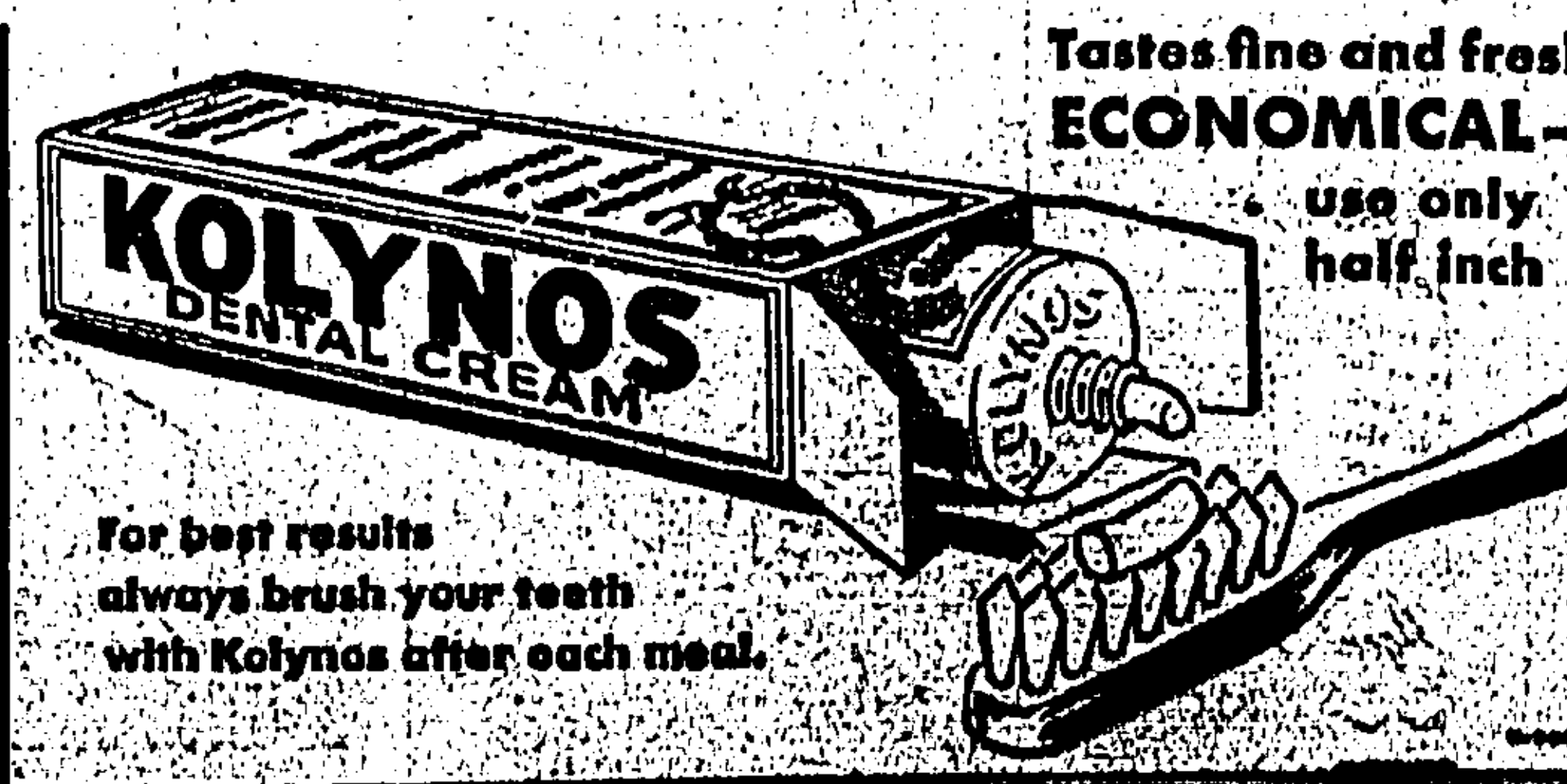
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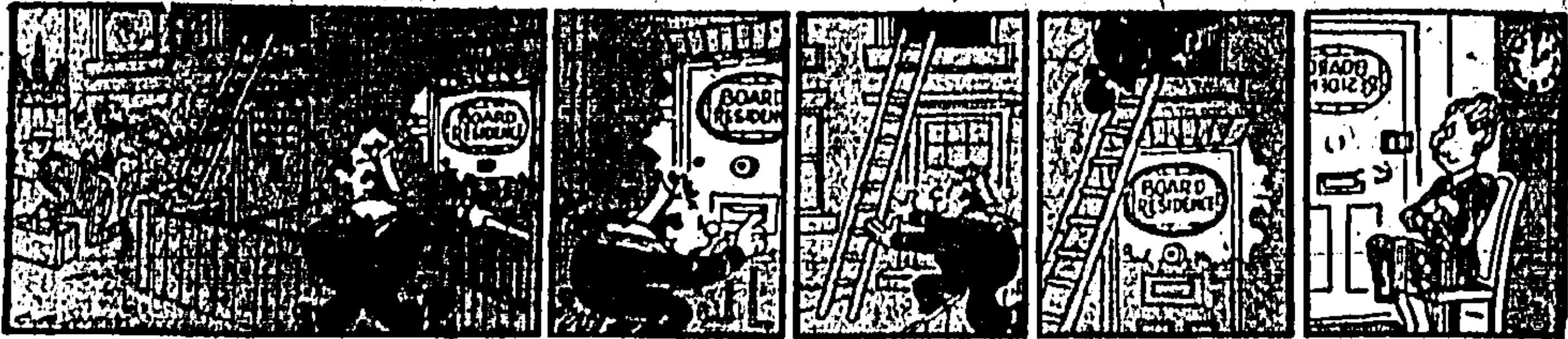
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## ABLE SEAMAN



By HOLT

## Behind the political scene

By Alastair Forbes



"Still, I suppose we're lucky—it might have been that Sumner woman!"

has, as a result of the Fuchs case, been shown to have been allowed to fall far below the level of events. For all we know, the responsibility of the War Office for the system may perhaps not go further than the granting of some convenient office space or a more convenient accommodation address to one of its key departments.

What the Fuchs case is inevitably bound to do is to make necessary, as part of the rescoring, or "pouring," or merely more intensive investigation now demanded, the questioning of the integrity of many innocent people in the Services or in allied departments who have in the past held views often probably neither as silly nor as dangerous as those of Mr. Strachey.

It would be indecent, to say no more, for Mr. Strachey to continue to administer any Department so affected. It would surely be no less indecent for the military chiefs of our American Allies to be forced to do confidential defence business with a Minister who has twice been declared on security grounds to be persona non grata to the U.S.

There must not be two standards for those who guard the security of the State. Mr. Attlee should not be placed in the position of demanding from his Service Ministers standards of political reliability lower than those required of the humblest King's Messenger or cipher clerk.

Safe men  
We have seen that Mr. Strachey's friends on the New Statesman have sharply contrasted him with the "safe men" preferred in so many jobs by Mr. Attlee.

What the country wants is the assurance that its Prime Minister will put in charge of its defences and security "safe men" who are not forced to spend their time in office denying the pernicious or nonsensical beliefs which, in the far too recent past, they have so freely volunteered.

Yet what happens if that process, which has now been checked, it stopped? Will not Mr. Strachey feel impelled to climb back aboard the bandwagon on which he was travelling up till 1947?

But here is the crux of the matter. The British security system

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## THE NEW NIGHT LIFE The Communist shadow

By Richard Viner

Now that the legal lid has been taken off London's glamorous, gay, gallivanting night life and Londoners can all stay up drinking and dancing without fear of a police raid, I decided to see what these nocturnal goings-on amounted to.

I had pictured myself amid the bright lights, the laughter, the girls, the champagne.

Well, here I am, in the thick of it, sipping ginger wine.

Calypso king  
And, as I sip and sip, out there on the floor is the tall, gaunt, mahogany figure of the calypso singer, Lord Kitchener. Sadly he is chanting:

The night life of London is surely dead,  
So put on your nightie and go to bed.

I had very nearly done so. I had decided that there were no better guides to the gay spots of London than the taxi-drivers on the dusk-to-dawn patrol.

The first one eyed me with pity. "Ain't no night clubs in London now, guv'nor. Better go 'ome and turn on the radio. 'Scheaper."

I stopped a second taxi. "What's the most popular place at night now?" "Well, sir, they mostly ask for the Biggertel Restaurant."

"No, no. I want a night club." The third driver scratched his head. "Blimey, you've asked for something. Let me think. There was a little place I knew of, back o' Leicester Square. 'Op in."

So here I am, just after midnight, sipping my ginger wine (2s. 6d. a glass) in this little club that can serve neither alcoholic drink nor food, but has a dance licence till 4 a.m.

A girl attendant in an electric blue frock and vivid make-up was placidly knitting, as we entered. "Kind of quiet tonight," she said. The setting was definitely tropical. Pictures of scantily-dressed ladies adorned the walls, and down the floor were palm

trees which I mistook, at first, for aspidistras.

Actually, my presence was illegal. The manager merely allowed me to have a look. Why? Because you cannot enter any night-club in London without being a member, or introduced by a member.

Next night I took the second taxi-driver's advice. "Drive me to the Biggertel Restaurant," I said. It proved to be none other than the Bagatelle, home of Edmundos Ros, the man who put the rum into rhumba for home consumption.

Early birds  
Only 12 hotels or restaurants have applied for the new 2 a.m. licence, for managers have found that few people want to stay out that late.

When bottle-parties were closed on January 31 many proprietors thought they could open as legitimate clubs the next day.

The advantage of the small restaurants is that they combine the atmosphere of night-club and restaurant. Patrons like the intimacy of the small room and the pocket-handkerchief dance floor.

Women, who hold the success of all these places in the hollow of their pretty hands, like luxurious, exciting decoration, typified, for instance, by the satin-quilted walls of the Cafe de Paris.

Those shifting 10,000 likewise follow the band. And the most popular bands cost the proprietors a cool £500 a week.

Gin to ginger  
Properly escorted by a member, I dined another night at Ciro's Club. Membership here costs 10 guineas.

After this we went on to the famous Four Hundred in Leicester Square and to the Gay Astor night club. But here, as elsewhere, when the gin turns to ginger ale people begin to go.



... And then when I was 18 I studied ju-jitsu for self-defence and here I am!

Then they found that, before doing so, they had to have a Ministry of Food licence to serve meals, and before they could serve meals they had to have their premises approved by the London County Council, and before they could be approved by the L.C.C., they had to have building licences and—but, let's not go on.

So it will be a month or so before the night-clubs are in full swing again. When they are, says Edmundos Ros, it's going to be a battle royal between the clubs and the restaurants—fighting to bring in the customers.

It will be a battle for the patronage of 10,000, the estimated number of London's night-life population. It is, I am told, a fantastically fierce population. Perhaps not surprisingly, remembering the height of the prices charged and of P.A.Y.E.

A friend, for what he described as a paltry dinner at one club, paid £17 for four, drinking only two bottles of the cheapest hock. It is excessive wine prices that send bills soaring.

I made ready to go home. My friend shook his head. "There's more to come," he said. "The beehive of bebop." We drove to an address opposite the Windmill Theatre—Mac's Club.

Paying our 5s. entrance fee we passed into a stygian gloom broken only by a few orange gleams. The scene reminded me of all-in wrestling and a jam session by the witches of Endor.

Twisting and contorting themselves to the screaming cacophony of saxophones and the tom-tom beat of the double-bass, frenzied marionettes on the floor hurled themselves through jungle gymnastics with rapturous delight. Bop in excelsis.

These fanatics, all in their teens or early twenties, twist, twirl and prance from 11 till 4 on a diet of chewing gum and soft drinks.

To one brought up in the decorous steps of fox-trot and waltz it seemed as biological as the monkey house at the Zoo. To which enthusiasts will say: "Stay away."

I will.

Politicians and political observers are not doing much to dispel the fog surrounding Britain's unprecedentedly awkward parliamentary situation.

In all quarters there have been suggestions from people who really should know better that Mr. Attlee can, if he chooses, shortly go to the country once more in an attempt to increase his majority.

This is not the case. The King would be constitutionally bound to ask another member, or even several other members, of the present Parliament to seek to form a Government if Mr. Attlee, on resignation, were to ask for another Dissolution within a year of the last.

Only one Socialist source seems to have indicated its correct appreciation of the true position. The New Statesman and Nation, whose restricted circulation has proved to have been the cause of concealing from the nation for nearly 10 years Mr. Strachey's belated disenchantment with Communist Party tactics, has given a masterly, if a trifle biased, analysis which should warn and instruct all now engaged in politics.

In its current issue it reflects that "by the skin of his teeth, Mr. Churchill has avoided a precipitate which would have exposed the hollowness of the countless promises with which his party wooed the electorate. He can now hope simultaneously to sustain and wear down the elected Government, choosing his own time for a dissolution. It would be difficult to imagine a situation more perilous to British Socialism or more to the liking of its opponents."

That is a true judgment of the great power which now resides in the Conservative Opposition.

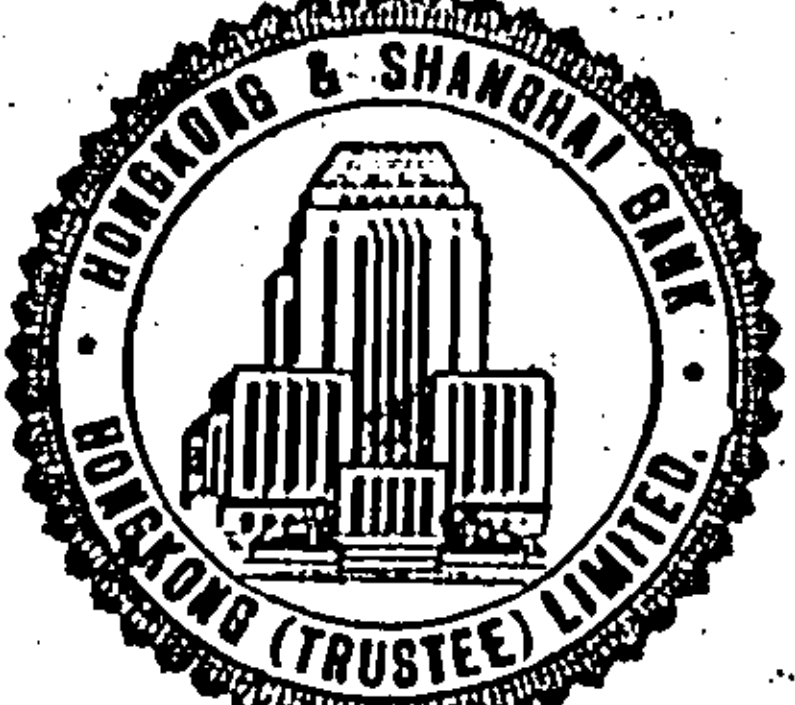
It was a little surprising to find in the same issue of the New Statesman and Nation quoted above, the following comment on Mr. Attlee's formation of his Interim Administration. "If Labour," the paper mused, "had now a majority of 80, Mr. Bevan and Mr. Strachey, as well as Mr. Shillwell, would now have received promotion, and the number of posts allotted to safe (sic) men correspondingly reduced."

Fever chart

This inference that Mr. Strachey, like his more orthodox and soldier predecessor has been "demoted" to the War Office cannot be accepted. His case is in all respects different. Like Sir Stafford Cripps, Mr. Strachey possesses a fine intellect, broadened, in contrast with the Chancellors, at many points by the wide and sensitive culture which has always been the hall-mark of the talented English family whose name he bears.

He has been aptly dubbed "a man of many principles." The plotting of his many changes of political and philosophical conviction would indeed produce a diagram like a tropical fever chart. He has never been a member of the Communist Party, nor, to my knowledge, has any responsible exception of the immigration authority of our principal ally, ever suspected him of it.

He is, of course, steeped in Marxist dialectic, from which he still finds it hard to free himself even when denouncing Moscow doctrine or practice.



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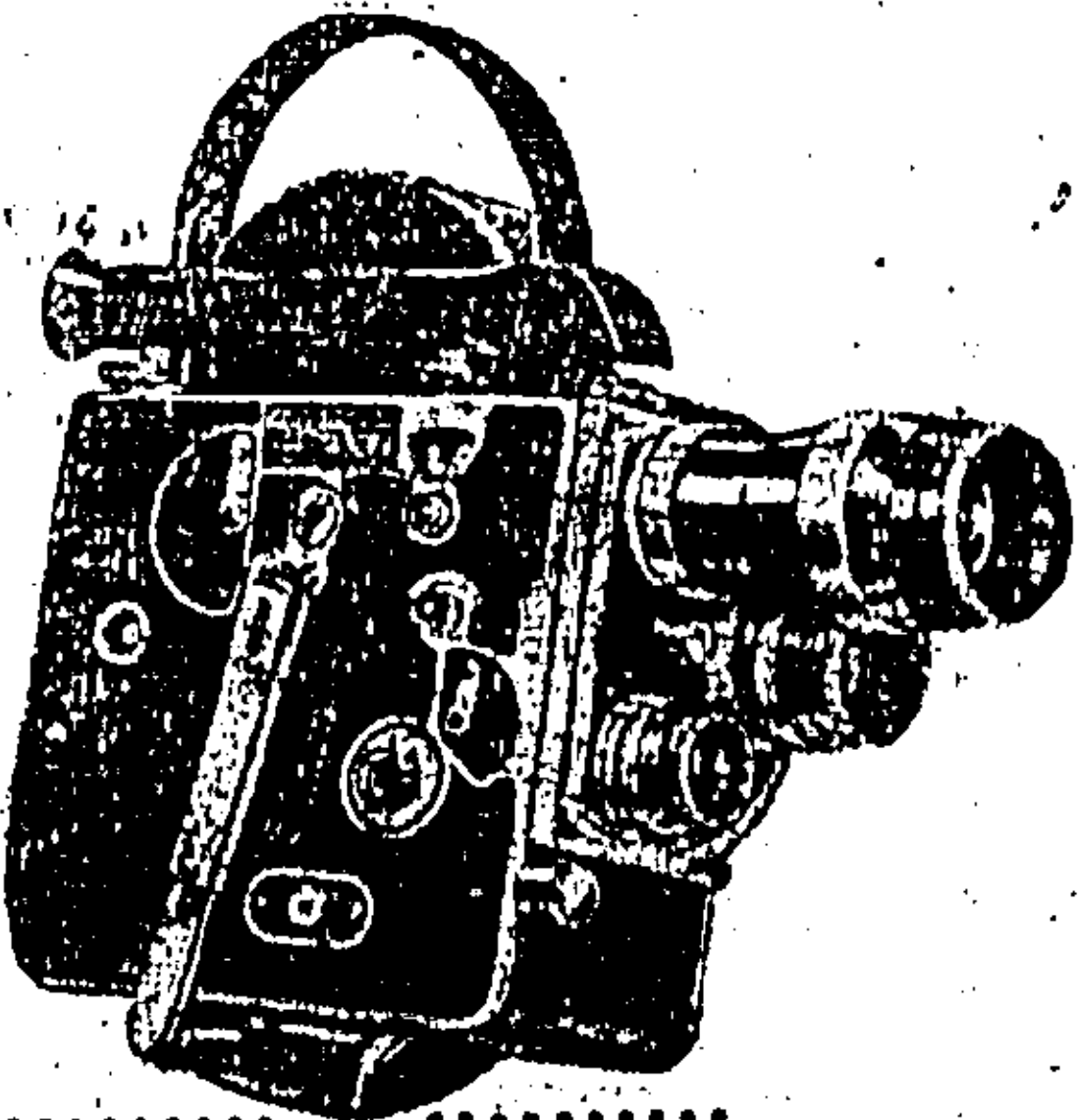
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### Friend of India

One of New India's greatest friends is in Hong Kong for a few days in connection with the St. John Ambulance Brigade. She is Countess Mountbatten, wife of Earl Mountbatten of Burma, who has gone down in contemporary history as the last Viceroy of India.



The Countess Mountbatten of Burma

Countess Mountbatten came here in her capacity as Superintendent-in-Chief of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, and chairman of the St. John of Jerusalem and British Red Cross. She will leave on Tuesday.

Born Miss Edwina Cynthia Annette Ashley, Lady Mountbatten inherited a fortune of the death of her grandfather, Sir Ernest Cassell. She was left nearly £2,000,000, and became one of the richest women in England.

Her marriage in 1922 to Lord Louis Mountbatten, who is a great-grandson of Queen Victoria, linked two immense fortunes, and was the social event of the year. Royalty from all over Europe attended the lavish service in Mayfair.

Lady Mountbatten made news last year when she appealed to Parliament for a special easing of the heavy taxation she has to bear. Her lawyers stated that taxation on her income, capital and holdings was so heavy that she could no longer maintain her country home, Broadlands, in Hampshire, nor a great part of the ceremonial duties demanded of her as the wife of an official figure. Parliament, however, rejected the appeal.

In addition to Broadlands, where Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh spent a part of their honeymoon, the Mountbattens have a 30-room penthouse on London's Park Lane. But the war damaged this magnificent apartment, it was the talk of Europe.

The front door had no knob. It opened by means of a photo-electric cell or "electric eye". There was a high-speed non-stop lift to the top of the house from a private street entrance.

The dining room was equipped so it could be turned into a private cinema.

vate movie theatre. One room was fitted up like Lord Mountbatten's cabin on a battle cruiser—Earl Mountbatten is a Vice-Admiral in the Royal Navy. Through a porthole one looked at a wall resembling the Mediterranean fleet at anchor. The touch of a button provided simulated moonlight for the fleet.

When Countess Mountbatten accompanied her husband on his mission as the last Viceroy of India, she infused such sincerity into her role that millions of Indians were touched. The Viceroy broke many precedents set by a long line of Imperial envoys, and was soon described as the "most human" of the 30-odd viceroys who ruled the country on London's behalf after the exit of the East India Company.

Lord and Lady Mountbatten abandoned a lot of the pomp and circumstance which the previous viceroys and their ladies considered necessary to uphold. The last Viceroy's speech from the throne on assumption of office was unprecedented in the sweep of its democracy, and the Viceroyal Lodge was accessible to many sections of the population which in the past were not admitted.

The Earl and his Countess visited all parts of India and mingled freely with the people, including the Untouchables. When Mahatma Gandhi was dying in Birla House after being attacked, Lady Mountbatten went to his bedside. At his cremation she squatted next to the bier and participated in the ceremony until the last flame had consumed the remains of Gandhi. By her side was her husband, and her daughter, Lady Pamela Mountbatten.

This friend of India was so liked and esteemed that Sri Chakravartty Rajagopalachari, who succeeded Lord Louis as the Governor-General, openly wept at New Delhi's airport when the time came for the Mountbattens to return to England.

The Old Country had indeed sent out her best to India to smooth the awkwardness of parting, and history will record how splendidly the Mountbattens did their job. This is best illustrated by a recent suggestion of an Indian MP to erect a statue in honour of the Earl in the very midst of a movement to remove the remaining symbols of British rule in India.

Lady Mountbatten dresses beautifully, and has, often been mentioned with the Duchess of Windsor among the 10 best-dressed women in the world. When she was staying in Washington some years ago, gossip columns constantly referred to her as Britain's "most regal aristocrat".

She moves in the world's most exclusive circle, but such is the charm of her personality that millions of Indians regard her as a personal friend.

Her visit to Hong Kong this week is so crisscrossed with engagements that she has little time to enjoy the usual delights of a tourist. But people who know Lady Mountbatten say she is the last person in the world to mind this. The wonderful thing about her is that she has so much to spare so much for others.

## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

By The SCRIBE

### Dancer from Madrid

All the fiery passion of Mediterranean temperament has been brought to Hong Kong in the person of Miss Luana Alcantaz, famed Cuban-born singer, who is now appearing in the Iskyroom.

She came straight from Madrid, and stopped briefly at Manila. Miss Alcantaz will remain in Hong Kong for some time as her contract is open to extension.



Miss Luana Alcantaz

She has lived for many years in Spain. As a result, she brings to Hong Kong the colour that people all over the world have come to associate with the native land of the castanets, the fiesta, and the tarantelle.

Her repertoire is refreshing in its originality, and her technique is superb. She is completely at home in her art, polished, suave, and confident. Her singing is warm and alive, and her dancing very tricky. She is, in short, a very accomplished exponent of the traditional Spanish school of dancing, and embodies in her style all the subtle shades of Latin temperament which once, not long ago, so enthralled Hilaire Belloc about it.

She wrote a famous ballad about it, beginning, "Do you remember the Inn, Miranda?" Miss Alcantaz talks English with a very pronounced American accent, probably because she has lived in the United States since early childhood. She has appeared in a number of Hollywood films and has sung over the radio in both Europe and America.

Her power to attract is enormous, and now and then she suggests in her attitudes that Carmen Miranda's neat mannerisms and personality are not her property alone, but extend, in a lesser or greater degree, to all Latin artists.

Her voice is sultry, and particularly apt for torch-singing. She has a very intriguing way of raising or lowering it, so that the mood of the song is conveyed almost effortlessly.

Her stage dresses are picturesque, but not loud. For instance, she does not imitate Carmen Miranda to the extent of using baskets of fruit for a hat. Her approach is different; rather, she suggests the language of a *sensitiva* clinging to herself in a shaded garden in Old Castile.

Miss Alcantaz is travelling alone, and is the only artist of her type to have experienced the East, and she likes it very much. When she left Madrid for Manila her people were afraid that she would contract all kinds of diseases and told her to be careful what she ate, what she did and where she slept.

"I wrote home last week," she says, "to tell them how unfounded their fears were, and how there is more civilisation in Hong Kong than in many parts of Spain itself."

On the stage Miss Alcantaz is a charming lady who loves to talk about clothes, music, and the arrangements of flowers in vases. She is a lover of roses, and knows a great deal about the particular flower family of which the wild rose of the marshlands is the poorest relation and the hot-house White Rose of Oscar Wilde's story the lord of the realm.

Not too tall, her frocks are so designed that an impression of height is conveyed. But when she is dancing or singing this is unnecessary because her art is attractive in itself.

Chinese art styles

The essential truth that Chinese painting differs from Western painting because of its special relationship to calligraphy was amply demonstrated last week when nearly 100 of Mr. Tseng Hsiu-shih's pictures were exhibited at the Hotel Cecil.

The exhibition was particularly significant because Mr. Tseng



Mr. Tseng Hsiu-shih

is regarded by many of his countrymen as the most representative of contemporary Chinese painters.

The drawings ranged from pictures portraying the style of the Tang dynasty to the Ching, which ended when the Republic of Dr. Sun Yat-sen usurped the court in Peking.

Still comparatively young—he is only 35—Mr. Tseng's art is nevertheless unmistakable. He has an amazing directness and quiet force. His paintings are usually sombre, but then this is perhaps due to the fact that Chinese drawings are seldom bright.

Mr. Tseng paints with the brush stroke, and his tendency is to draw upwards. He has done many scrolls, both horizontal and vertical, but his real strength lies in little miniatures, which he does with an amazing regard for detail and sincerity.

He tells me he paints from memory, and often does not register his impression on paper for several weeks after a particularly beautiful spot has appealed to him. When he does sit down to sketch, the picture is there, and it is almost no effort for him to recapture the tilt of a flower, the direction of a cloud, or the bend of a willow in the rain.

Although he knows the fundamentals of Western painting, Mr. Tseng has not done anything in that line, because he "went early in his life that his forte lay in developing his Chinese technique."

He uses watercolours mostly, although native art permits the employment of ink and charcoal. His shades are restricted to grey, brown and an occasional strong blue for sky and water effects.

From his pictures I feel he is guided not so much by a wish to register the correct proportions of his subjects, but the extent of the force his brush-lines are able to convey. Many of his animals are unreal, and his old men and young ladies are not particularly attractive. But his landscapes are wonderful. They are somewhat subdued, but manage to convey an impression of colour.

The emphasis he places on brushwork brings out the remarkable calligraphy of Chinese art, so that his pictures seem to be written rather than drawn. This, I think, is his chief contribution to the present-day art of China. Young artists in Peking and Shanghai are too prone to copy the style of the West in their work at the expense of the native tradition, which is certainly worth preserving.

Mr. Tseng is a native of Hunan, and was born in Changsha. His great-grandfather was a Prime Minister of the Ching dynasty. He is married and has three children.

He depends on the sale of his pictures for a living, but finds this not difficult, because his reputation always travels ahead of him. He plans a trip to Europe soon, to see for himself the relationship between Eastern and Western art, if it exists.

Young shipping executive

Mr. George Ho is one of the youngest shipping executives in Hong Kong. He is the elder son of Mr. T. W. Ho, who was for a long time connected with the executive department of the China Merchants Steamship Company Limited.

Now 32, Mr. Ho is manager of the China Coastal Lines, which operates a number of ships along the Chinese coast. He is also representing Magsaysay Company, Incorporated in Manila.

A graduate of the St. Francis Xavier's College, Shanghai, Mr. Ho came to Hong Kong shortly before the Communist occupation of the city. He is now residing with his wife and three children in a flat on Chatham Road, Kowloon.

He was reared in the shipping tradition, and knew from early youth that he would one day follow in the steps of his father, Mr. T. W. Ho.

His next job was to assist in building the King Yick Steel Bridge in the Tseung Kwan O, which was completed in 1937. The contractors for this engineering job were McDermott and Gorman Incorporated.

The Ministry of Railway then engaged him as section engineer in the construction of the Kowloon Railway, a 350-kilometre stretch of rail connecting Hong Kong and Kowloon. This work was pushed forward after the Japanese invasion, and was completed in 1939.

When this job was completed he came to Hong Kong and joined the Public Works Department.

Of a retiring disposition, Mr. Ho keeps himself away as much as possible from social activities. He likes to read, and in particular to go carefully over any literature on engineering. He is able to fix his hands on a book.

"When I was young I played football and baseball, but I have got past that age now," Mr. Ho remarks with a smile.

Mr. Ho's father was a devout religious man, who spent more than 20 years of his life preaching the word of God in Canada. In himself, he is an enthusiastic churchman.

Mr. George Ho

still, he tells me, life was not easy for him.

Almost immediately after he was given an executive position a large cargo steamer weighing more than 1,000 tons was wrecked off Wossung and sank with all on board. A month later a motorboat belonging to his company

encountered disaster near the coast of Hainan, and only recently the "China Victor" caught fire and exploded, killing many people on board.

These successive disasters to which his father gave him a holiday in Europe, and he spent many pleasant months last year touring the Scandinavian countries and England, assessing their latest shipping improvements. He crossed the Atlantic on the Queen Mary.

Cable his very enterprising, young Mr. Ho brings to his task an enlightened executive outlook, which ought to take him far when China is at peace once more.

Abilities recognised

Mr. Andrew Mar, M.Sc., AMICE, 45-year old Canadian-born Chinese, holds the rare distinction of being the first Hong Kong Chinese to become a full-fledged Engineer.

In an interview last week Mr. Mar said he first joined the Public Works Department in 1940 as assistant engineer in the Port Works Office. He had just begun to make some progress when his work was cut short by the Pacific War, and he had to leave for Macao. In the Portuguese Colony he contacted other refugee engineers, and together they formed a committee of rehabilitation.

Mr. Mar says he is one of those who would not dream of leaving Hong Kong for long, and as an engineer his one worry while in Macao was Hong Kong's engineering problems after the war.

After the Colony was re-occupied in 1945 he lost no time in returning to Hong Kong, where he took the job at the Port Works Office. He worked arduously in various phases of the rehabilitation programme.

When I saw him after the announcement of this honour, Mr. Mar was slightly shy and reluctant to talk. He merely said that he thoroughly enjoys his work, and that to him it is more a case of working for work's sake than for promotion.

Very modest and retiring, he merely allowed himself to say: "I am really glad that I have got this promotion, which I feel I owe more to my superiors and my colleagues than to my own efforts." This is, of course, typical of the man.

He says that engineering is in his blood, and that ever since he was a boy it was his ambition to become an engineer. He was educated at the University of Manitoba, and received his B.Sc. in civil engineering in 1926, and his B.S.E. in electrical engineering in 1927. After leaving the University he joined the Canadian Pacific Railway, and in 1934 received his M.Sc. in engineering.

Mr. Mar came to Hong Kong in 1934, and was engaged by the Waichow Sugar Central, a military organisation engaged in sugar refining in Kwangtung Province, to build a narrow gauge railway for them.

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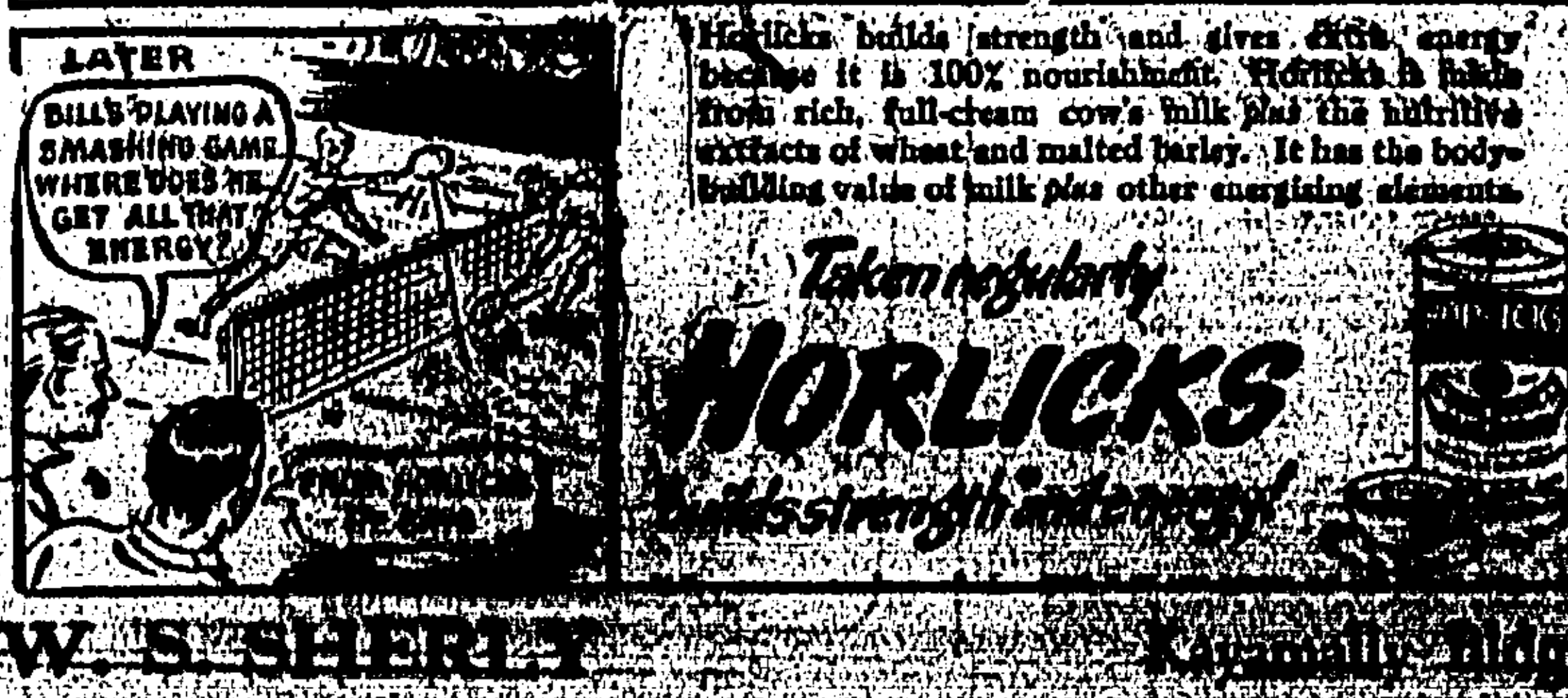
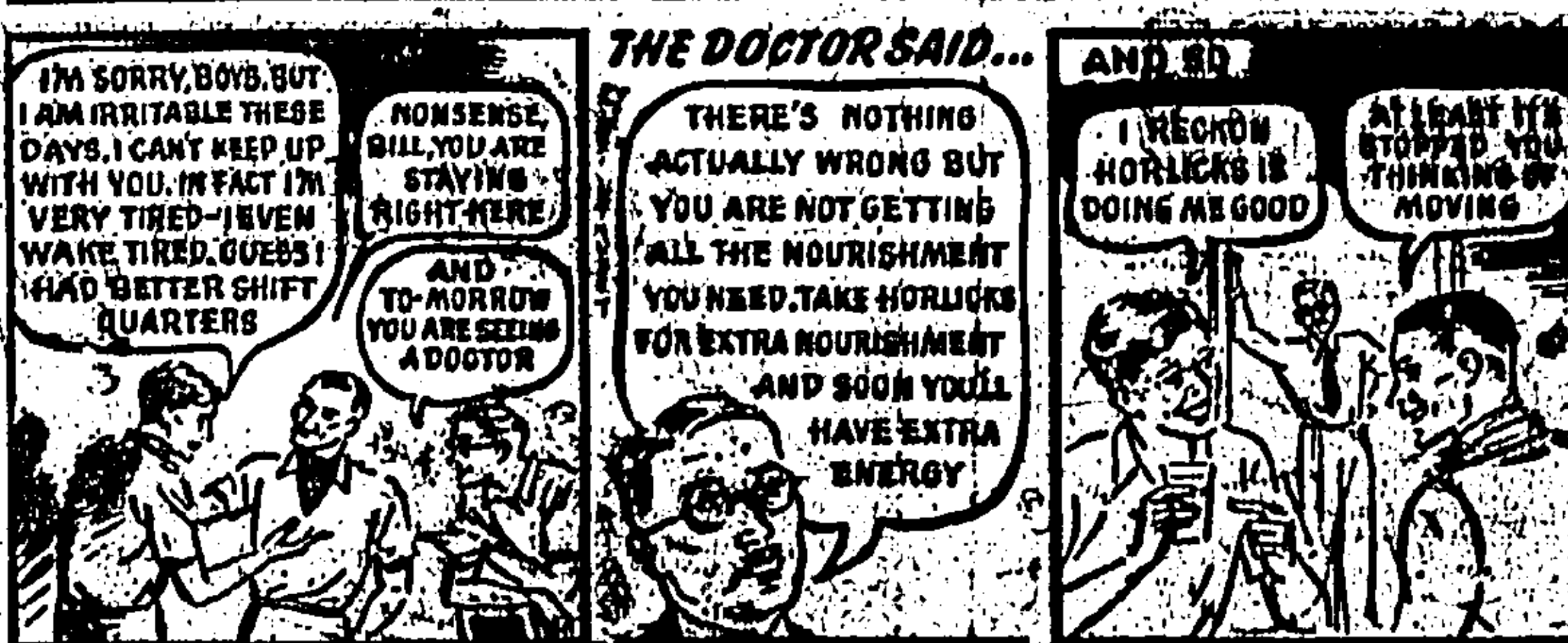
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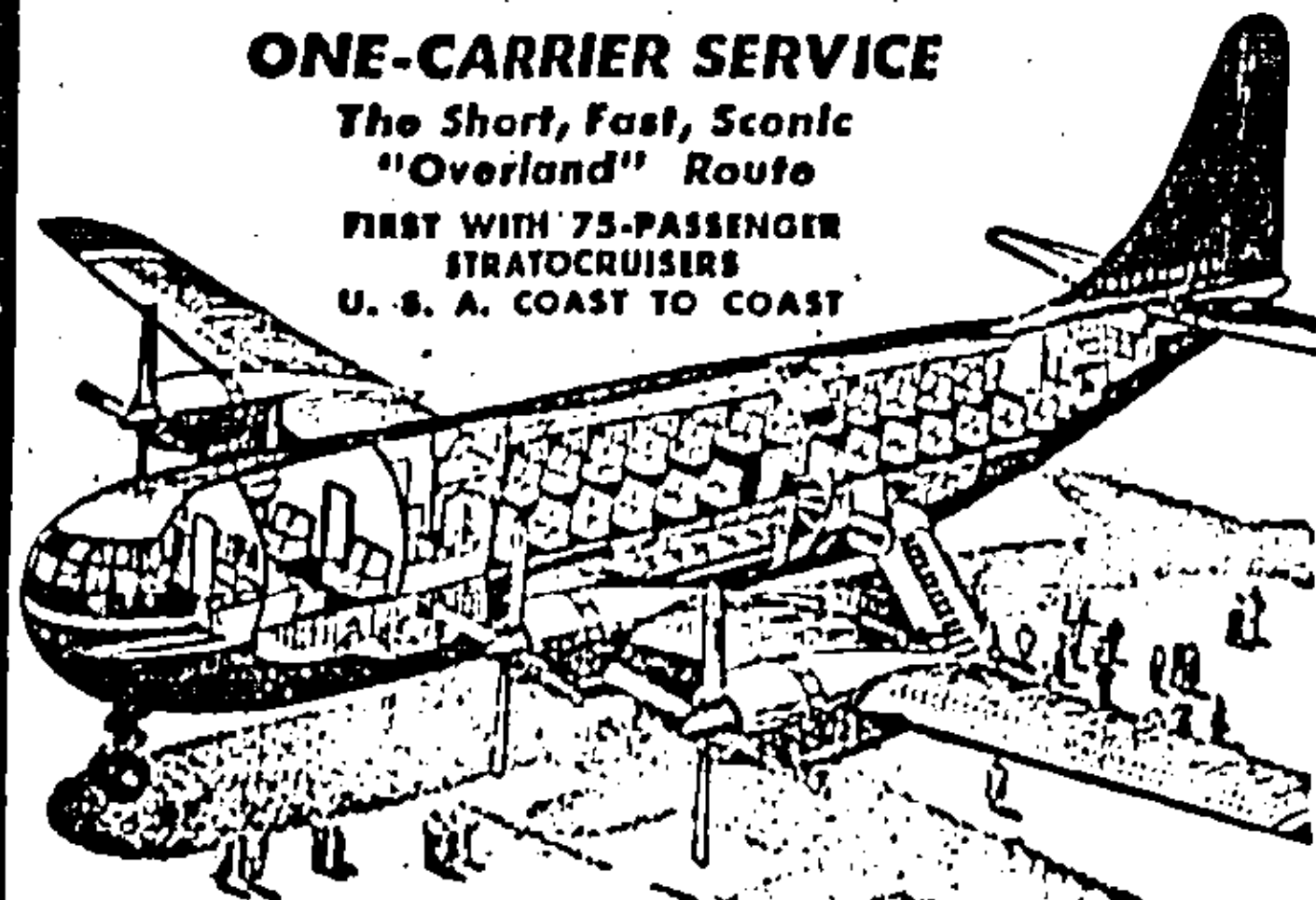
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## CHINA FIGHTS FAMINE

Nobody is very much interested in Peking's propaganda about passports for professional peace-mongers from the Soviet and its satellites. There would be more sense in this agitation if it was for travel inside China, from city to city, were abolished. But there is a good deal of genuine interest in the constructive work that is going on, and in the efforts to deal with the famine which has stricken so large a part of China between the Yellow and Yangtze Rivers.

This famine was the result of a typical Chinese catastrophe—spring and summer drought followed by autumn floods. The Communists are not to blame for it. It is the sort of thing that has happened over and over again, under the Dynasty, the warlords, and the Nationalists. Nor is the disaster in the least likely to contribute to any change in the regime—the tendency always is to do the opposite. Nor can one readily think of a less logical solution of the problem than that put forward by the new Nationalist Prime Minister, who talked about launching a counter-offensive to "save our brethren from their present plight."

Work, and intelligent organisation, will alone reduce the catastrophe to manageable proportions, and while some of the Communists are making a lot of fuss about things that really do not concern their own people and the people's needs, there is a tremendous amount of work going on, not only in fighting the famine, but in repairing the ravages of years of war and disorder. In this the Chinese are entitled to every sympathy and recognition, whatever their political complexion.

The problem is much more than one merely of distribution, as the latest broadcast from Peking has suggested. By and large that has been the main problem in normal times. It has been said, for example, that Hunan could provide China with all the rice she needs if only it could be economically transported. There is an actual shortage owing to the natural disaster, and some estimates have put that shortage at 35 per cent below pre-war.

To this must be added the lack of food imports, both of rice and of flour, from abroad, which used to feed the principal ports and much of their hinterland. These huge food imports were always a most deplorable feature of Chinese economy. The plan announced from Peking some weeks ago provided for an increased production of foodstuffs that would more than offset this. In this work the military are being called upon to do their share. If only they would grow their own food, it would take an immense and harmful burden off the backs of the hard-pressed peasantry.

If the People's Government can succeed in this food plan, as they have undoubtedly succeeded in the work of getting the major railways going again, far more will be done to stabilise China's economy than by revolutionising the technique and mechanism of trade. The essential thing, after all, is more production. All reports agree on the remarkable speed with which the railways have been restored to working order, though much remains to be done.

As a result of the discovery of a Russian spy among Britain's atomic team, few Government departments within living memory have suffered such a headlong fall from public favour as M.I.5, the counter-espionage section of the British Secret Service.

Until recently M.I.5 was rightly regarded as the most efficient organisation of its kind in the world. Today its name is in disgrace. Inevitably its present serving officers must sit back and take it all on the chin—in silence. Forgetful of how the German espionage organisation was slashed to ribbons in two world wars of the string of Communist spies brilliantly brought to trial in past decades, not a voice has been heard on either side of the Channel even to raise so much as a query as to whether the current vilification of this department is justified.

In the uprush of horror over the Fuchs case public bewilderment has crystallised round three questions:

1. How was it that Fuchs was employed on atomic work in the first place, in view of his known Communist background in Germany?

2. How was it that his name was "cleared" to the Americans by M.I.5, thus enabling him to proceed to the United States for further atomic work?

3. How was it that, even though employed on atomic work, his spying activities were not discovered before?

I will answer these questions in the above order. It is vital to understand, without any doubts or qualifications, that, as the recent so-called "purge" of Communist Civil Servants has clearly shown, the powers of M.I.5 are advisory only. M.I.5 has no power to forbid the employment of an individual in any capacity whatever. All that the Service can do is to place any information at its disposal before the responsible heads of departments.

### Brilliant brain

The final responsibility rests fairly and squarely upon the Ministry concerned. In the case of Fuchs it was the Ministry of Supply.

It is not known to me what information, if any, was passed to the Ministry of Supply by M.I.5, but it is perfectly clear that Fuchs's Communist background must have been revealed to the Ministry of Supply in his Home Office papers, his immigration papers, and his naturalisation papers.

It is inconceivable that so spy-conscious an organisation as M.I.5 would have failed to

# MYSTERY OF M.I.5

underline these points. But having given them, one assumes, due consideration, the Ministry of Supply decided to employ Fuchs. Why?

Cast back the mind to the first war years when Fuchs was first employed. What may have been the arguments in the minds of the responsible Ministry of Supply officials?

Fuchs had so brilliant a brain that some have referred to him as a "second Einstein." There are not many men like that around. There was vital important work to be done. Germany was the enemy, not Russia. Further, and very important, Fuchs had joined the German Communist movement at a time when the only effective opposition

## By a former agent

to Hitler's rise to power were the German Communists. The Social Democrats' fight had been futile. The German Communist Party was the biggest in Europe; to it, in Germany, graduated many of those who were to become dyed-in-the-wool Marxists, but fanatical anti-Hitlerites.

Was not Fuchs probably one of these? After all, he had not apparently joined the British movement in this country.

### Was it silly?

Think, too, of the outcry had his services been refused! This brilliant brain denied to the allied cause for political reasons! Blame in the Ministerial Victimisation!

"Employ him," said the Ministry of Supply.

Fuchs, the potential arch-spy, was in. Yes, but why endorse his visa so that he could go to America? why did M.I.5 do that? That was silly, wasn't it?

No, it wasn't. Indeed, I fail to see what else they could do. Supposing they had refused? Can you imagine the rejoinder which would have come flashing back from the Americans?

All Government departments rely upon their smooth co-operation one with another for efficient administration. Were there anxious conferences between the Ministry of Supply and M.I.5? I do not know. But it is not unreasonable to assume that there were.

### The hard truth

It seems to me that, once the Ministry of Supply had decided to employ Fuchs on top secret work on the atomic bomb, M.I.5 were placed in a difficult, if not quite impossible, position in regard to the American security clearance.

And now for the third question: Why was he not caught earlier? To answer that question we must descend unromantically from the realms of exciting fiction to the everyday world of hard facts.

The hard truth is that in peacetime Britons are not suspicious. They bitterly resent any intrusion on the privacy of our citizens or any implied slight to their integrity.

They will not stand for sudden searches of their personal belongings for reasons which appear groundless.

This is their freedom, their way of life. You can breathe the air in Britain and there is still a tang of liberty about it.

But there is a price to be paid, and that price is the danger that at any time you may find a Fuchs case on your hands. You can't have it both ways!

What was the problem with which M.I.5 was faced once the Ministry of Supply had decided to employ Fuchs?

They had to catch this adept spy in the act of handing over information to the representative of one of the most cunning Secret Services in the world. Or at least to catch him smuggling material out of the place, provided he did not carry it in his head.

There is only one way to do this sort of thing, and that is to watch which is abhorrent to Britons: to treat every one of the employees, including the distinguished band of scientists, as highly suspect. To keep them under constant observation, to raid their private belongings periodically, and general to act in a manner which the distinguished scientists would not have tolerated for a day.

### Difficulties

But could not special attention have been paid to just one of them—Fuchs? In view of his past record would this not have been wise?

It would have meant that Fuchs would have had to be followed not for weeks or months, but years. It would have meant that every time he moved out of London, or elsewhere, every time he went for a short walk, even M.I.5 people would have had to dog his tracks.

### 'Dried up'

When he went for a drive in his car—and he was very fond, perhaps suspiciously fond, of driving around in his car—an M.I.5 car would have had to attempt to follow him without his noticing. Even at night, with lights showing.

These are some of the difficulties which presented themselves in the Fuchs case. All cases are not so awkward, happily.

One is forced to the conclusion

# Soldier for Tito

By David Lee

What is it like being a soldier in Marshal Tito's army?

British troops often ask that question as they watch Tito's frontier guards, nursing Russian sub-machine guns in their arms, 100 yards away from them across the Trieste-Yugoslav border.

Let me introduce Private Ivo Ivanovich (a name as common in Tito's army as John Smith in ours), a typical Yugoslav soldier, one of 300,000 men at present under arms.

(I met Ivo Ivanovich through some of his former comrades who crept by night across the frontier into Trieste. After demobilisation from the army they decided to quit Communist Yugoslavia, and try to get to America.)

Private Ivanovich is today serving with the 2nd Division of the National Defence Corps, and lives in barracks outside Ljubljana, Slovenia, about 100 miles from Trieste.

### Tough life

Life is tough for Ivo. His food, uniform and general living conditions compare badly with those of Britain's young National Service men in Communist Yugoslavia, and try to get to America.)

Ivo is a sixpence-a-day man. He will get an increase to half-a-crown a day only when he starts his third year of service.

His sixpence a day goes nowhere. Cigarettes cost two-and-ninety for 20, and they are the cheapest things in this Balkan tobacco-producing country. (British troops here pay ninepence for 20.)

Ivo has no NAAFI, and must buy everything from razor-blades to boot brushes (nothing is issued) outside the barracks at black market prices. A piece of shaving soap costs 55 dinars, or two weeks' pay.

In British Army messrooms in Trieste food is not always served the way mother used to cook it, but our troops' rations would seem princely to Ivo Ivanovich. Throughout barracks in Yugoslavia, meat is issued only one day a week. Otherwise, the following is a standard day's menu.

Breakfast, a cup of soup (Ivo likes coffee as much as our troops do tea); dinner, potato soup with chunks of black bread; supper, same soup as at midday, and more bread.

The only variation is that from day to day the soup differs, sometimes vegetable, other times macaroni. There is never any fruit or dessert.

This diet sounded so incredible that I checked with a number of ex-soldiers who had served in

that, once he was installed and had made contact with the Russians, only some fortuitous lead from outside could bring about his undoing.

That lead came from America, as we know, and is in itself intriguing.

It is noticeable, for example, that the information only fell into American hands some time after Fuchs had begun at first to give less information to the Russians, and finally none.

The Chinese say that he who rides a tiger can never dismount. When Fuchs "dried up," did the Russians arrange deliberately for his downfall? It may sound fantastic, but M.I.5 are opposed to a fantastic race.

### Soviet tactics?

The Russians may reasonably have reckoned on the following advantage: First, they create the utmost dismay in the Western world; secondly, they show themselves, they hope, to be all-powerful, nothing is hidden from them, they are everywhere. And, finally, and very important, they put into force a disciplinary measure for the "encouragement" of any other agents who may be contemplating "drying up."

Transatlantic critics could remember that it took the American FBI, comparative newcomers to the Intelligence arena, 10 years to catch Alger Hiss, who received five years for falsely denying that he gave State Department secrets to Communist informers.

different parts of Yugoslavia. Only one man said he had eaten differently. He had served recently on the Rumanian frontier, and was part of a small group of soldiers who did their own cooking. They managed to obtain eggs and meat from peasants.

Ivo must live on this diet, for there is no canteen in the barracks where he can buy extra food.

But Ivo Ivanovich, the soldier who may be defending Yugoslavia against invasion by the Russians or satellite forces, is used now to roughing it.

### No extras

He lives in unheated barracks ("Only the officers and the officers' mess have fuel"). He wears a six-year-old British battledress. When his company goes on parade in the morning they are dressed in old British, German and Italian uniforms. Only when troops leave for frontier areas are they issued with a real Yugoslav uniform.

There are only enough great-coats for about one man in five, so when Ivo is lucky enough to get a leave pass he must borrow a comrade's coat.

Ivo's daily routine, too, is a grim business in comparison with that of a British soldier.

It starts with reveille at five and ends with lights out at nine. Before soup at seven-thirty there is physical training and a stiff inspection of both men and barracks.

During the day Tito's men do the usual routine fatigues and training normal to most armies in barracks, but after six o'clock, supper there is no relaxation or entertainment for Ivo.

### Toe the line

While our National Servicemen in Trieste are going to their Army cinema and their large club for dances and good suppers, Ivo must listen to long political lectures given by the Political Commissar. The sole job of this officer in the barracks is to see that the troops toe the Tito line.

When I asked some ex-soldiers if mobile cinema shows or concert parties ever visited their barracks, they roared with laughter. They thought it a great joke. Sometimes, they said, their officers used to read to them in the evening—chapters from "Karl Marx."

Ivo plays no sports, except morning "jerks" and a little volleyball. He likes football, popular in Yugoslavia, but there is no kit or ground in the barracks. The men are kept busy from reveille to lights out, and give no spare time to sit around and think.

Having compared Ivo Ivanovich's lot with that of Private John Smith in Trieste, with his meat-twice daily rations, his cheap cigarettes, cinemas and sports, you might conclude that Ivo is a pretty disgruntled sort of soldier. Nothing of the sort.

### Fighting man

Of peasant background, Ivo has never had very much, and during his army service he expects even less.

Yet he is tough, healthy, and well trained in the rudiments of infantry fighting, efficient in the use of the few weapons he handles—German "rifles" and Russian automatic arms.

The Political Commissar keeps him believing that he is better trained than soldiers in other armies. Ivo does not even find it strange that in this Communist army officers and senior NCO's are so much better off than he is. They eat excellent food, and the officers each have four uniforms, in comparison to the soldier's meagre dress.

But if Yugoslavia is invaded by Russia or her satellites, Ivo will fight well in the mountains South of the Sava River in a guerrilla warfare campaign, holding out for years if necessary.

Then he will not expect to be supplied with fresh meat, cigarettes or chocolate rations, or sent ENSA shows.

Perhaps Marshal Tito is wisely keeping things tough for his troops, in preparation for harder days to come.

# HOW BRITAIN STANDS ABROAD

Among the friends of Britain abroad a fear has been widely expressed lest the smallness of the Government's majority should weaken the influence of Great Britain in foreign affairs.

This may be true of that side of our foreign affairs—the economic side which they are conducted by Sir Stafford Cripps. For there no agreed front line of policy exists, either as between the parties or within the Ministerial party, or (to judge by past experience) within the mind of Sir Stafford himself.

But it is quite otherwise with foreign affairs in the more ordinary sense—that in which they are conducted by Mr. Ernest Bevin. There our foreign friends have no present ground for anxiety.

Indeed the very smallness of the Government's majority and the consequent brevity of its probable term of office may tell the other way. For, if Ministers had five years before them, it may be that on grounds of health Mr. Bevin would retire. But, as it is, he remains at the Foreign Office; and, when one recalls

Indeed, Peking has laid down a plan which calls for the doubling of the volume of freight and passenger traffic this year. Traffic has been restored on more than 13,000 miles of railway, and the recent Shanghai-Kowloon run of a freight train was a spectacular symbol. But the attempt to double the traffic involves a lot more work in reinforcing more than 1,600 bridges, and in the repair of locomotives and thousands of passenger and freight wagons.

Certainly, the Peking authorities are tackling their own domestic problems with energy, realism, and frankness, and it is a pity that Peking Radio doesn't devote more of its time to this aspect of developments, and less to Cominform propaganda. The world is always ready to applaud the Chinese when they get down to work and try to help themselves. Even the propagandist cannot make a breakfast of ideology.

some of the names mentioned for his succession, one may well feel reassured that he does.

### Fellow-travellers

But secondly—and this is the main point—there has never been since the war a cleavage over foreign affairs between Socialists and Conservatives. The nation's business has been conducted on what in America are termed "bipartisan" lines.

Such cleavages as these have occurred within the Ministerial party itself between the majority of its membership and a minority of crypto-Communists and fellow-travellers.

They were dangerous, because the majority of the party has included a great many well-meaning but ill-informed people on whom a campaign of con-

## By Scrutator

ident Leftist assertions could in time exert considerable influence. And, indeed, that might have happened had a weaker personality been in charge of the Foreign Office.

As it was, the pro-Russian dissident suffered success defeat. Benten and exposed in debate, they were first threatened with expulsion from the party then expelled. And now the electorate has expelled them from Parliament. With them have gone the two Communists; and so what at one time might have converted the Left wing of the party at Westminster into a formidable pro-Russian fifth Column has been clean wiped out.

Nothing helped the process more than the policy of the Moscow Government itself, with its successive eye-opening acts of tyranny. The first which really devastated Labour's illusions about Russia was the rape of Czechoslovakia two years ago. But now then a long series of acts, from the East by the enormous subsidies the satellite countries have taught the same lesson beyond mistaking. Russia is waging the "cold" war with much greater success than we. Both in Europe and in Asia "hot" war—as exemplified in the West by her continued control of the main trade-unions, organisations in France and Italy, and in the East by her enormous subsidies in China and the Western failure to suppress her guerrillas in Indo-China and Malaya.

Some of this Russian advantage is inevitable. There is scarcely a country outside the Iron Curtain in which Russia does not carry on a subversive campaign, whether by propaganda, strikes, riots or actual guerrilla warfare.

It is not easy to visualise the pacific Powers counter-organising upheavals and guerrillas in, say, Poland and the Caucasus or Central Asia. The only successful rebel against Moscow, Marshal Tito, derived in the first instance neither help nor suggestion from the West. To some extent we are bound to fight with one hand where Russia can fight with two.

### Our propaganda

Yet the disparity need not be as great as it is. Propaganda is as much open to us as to Moscow, apart from the fact that we allow them facilities for it in our areas which they do not allow to us in theirs. Some of these facilities are utterly ridiculous—e.g. the B.B.C.'s action in allotting time for Mr. Pollitt to broadcast Communism in the recent election; but others are more or less inseparable from our free way of life.

The real test, however, is not what the Russians or ourselves do in each other's homeland, but what we both do elsewhere, e.g. in Asia, in Africa, in South America. We do not come well enough out of that test. We need to counter-attack—not merely to defend our own regime, but to expose day in, day out the cruelties, hypocrisies, immoralities and lies which make up the Russian record.

We speak of the "cold" war, but do not act in terms of it. Take the Fuchs case. One might have expected it to result in an immediate and widely-backed demand for the amendment of the Official Secrets Act. The highest penalty under it—that to which Fuchs was sentenced—is appropriate to a bad case of burglary. Yet what Fuchs's acts imported (and may yet in due course prove to have brought off) was nothing less than a holocaust of our people, their killing in tens of thousands by a foreign Power, in nearly all countries, including the United States—the penalty, quite properly, would be death. So it would be in Britain in wartime; but a "cold" war, you see, is not a war.

It is deplorable that atom-bombs are possible. But it would be far more deplorable, if the lead in their development passed to the aggressive Power. And it would not take many Fuchs to achieve that.

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# SOUTHERN ASIA'S FATE DEPENDS ON SOLUTION OF KASHMIR DISPUTE

London, March 17.

Foreign Office quarters dealing with Far Eastern affairs believe the fate of all Southern Asia depends on rapid solution of the dispute between India and Pakistan over Kashmir.

While the rift between India and Pakistan is kept open and both countries are spending more than half their national incomes on their armed forces, neither can materially contribute to Commonwealth plans for an economic barrier against Communism in South East Asia.

The "Spender Plan" for South East Asia, proposed at the Colombo conference last January, the form and scope of the Japanese peace treaty and the United States' specific plans for co-operation with the Commonwealth for containing Communism in Southern Asia are all being held up by the persistent threat of open conflict between India and Pakistan.

This threat is depriving both India and Pakistan of the commercial and industrial co-operation essential to the prosperity of the whole Indian sub-continent, which both Britain and America believe will eventually prove the last anti-Communist nation in Asia.

Foreign Office quarters note that the United States Secretary of State, Dean Acheson, did not mention any policy for United States help to Southern Asia in his speech at San Francisco on Wednesday. They claim that any plan for such help must await the report of Philip Jessup, United States Ambassador-at-Large, who has just returned from a Far Eastern tour. They are convinced that Dr. Jessup will emphasize the prerequisite of Indo-Pakistani unity.

Similarly, they believed that talk of open conflict on the India sub-continent is responsible for retarding progress towards the Japanese peace settlement. No American proposals for the Japanese peace treaty are yet forthcoming and without knowing the United States' views, it would be futile for the proposed Commonwealth Consultative Committee to go ahead, particularly if Indo-Pakistani co-operation cannot be counted upon.

The "London Times" in an editorial, echoed the Foreign Office opinion and said the Kashmir dispute is a practical issue which, in the interests of all, must be settled as quickly as possible.

"The Times" said: "The Western countries cannot forget that at the two ends of a long curving line are Japan and India. The sooner India and Pakistan can be brought to settle their perilous dispute over Kashmir, the sooner a Japanese peace settlement can be reached with Japan."

Foreign Office quarters say the situation in Southern Asia as a whole is overshadowed and that a change in the balance of power might come about through the Communist parties. There are strong indications that India and China are groping towards each other and that any encouragement towards a so-called neutral bloc might attract other South East Asia countries.

## Nehru statement

In New Delhi, Pandit Nehru, the Prime Minister of India, told the Indian Parliament today that the latest position in the two Bengals (East and West) was that there had been no major incidents during the last two and a half weeks.

There were a great many difficulties in the way of peoples coming away from East Bengal to West Bengal but most of these had been removed.

Since February 13, the Prime Minister said, about 150,000 Hindus had come from East Bengal to Calcutta. During the same period about 100,000 Muslims had left for East Bengal and daily this process was continuing.

At present 9,000 to 10,000 Hindus were coming over daily from East Bengal and 5,000 to 7,000 Muslims were going away from Calcutta.

In one day 14,000 Hindus had come over and 10,000 Muslims had gone away.

"It is, therefore, not exactly a one-sided traffic but it is two-sided," Mr. Nehru said.

He added that the process was entirely voluntary but there was pressure of circumstances.

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"Because of great tension between Pakistan and Afghanistan on various matters we are continually being charged with having a secret treaty with Afghanistan. This is one of the numerous things emanating from Pakistan for which there is no foundation. India's policy towards Afghanistan was one of non-interference," Mr. Nehru said.

He did not think interference in countries struggling for freedom could do any good because they resented foreign interference. On the other hand, such interference would become a kind of weapon in the hands of those who opposed nationalism.

Characterising India's recognition of the Peking Government as a recognition of a major event in history, Mr. Nehru said that there was no question of approval or disapproval of changes that had taken place in China.

He expressed the hope that the two countries before long would exchange Ambassadors.—United Press and Reuter.

## BOMBAY CLASHES

Bombay, March 17.

Three were stabbed to death today in Moslem-Hindu clashes. Police continued their arrests of trouble-makers and the total in gaols reached nearly 700.

A curfew was imposed in the heart of the mill area, scene of today's stabbings.—Associated Press.

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## Humans will never see heaviest atom

Berkeley, March 17.

A new kind of atom, the heaviest ever known, has been found by University of California researchers and added to the growing list of elemental substances.

The new substance is element 98. It was never before observed and will probably never be seen by human eyes. It is the sixth new substance to be found by atom smashing methods. The discoverers have suggested that element 98 be named Californium. It was made by adding particles to uranium atoms. Uranium is element 92, which until the atomic age, was known as the heaviest element.

The researchers produced element 98 by bombarding curium atoms with alpha particles, which are the cores of helium atoms. The curium had previously been made by the uranium build-up process.—Associated Press.

## Roosevelt letter led to atom bomb

New York, March 17.

A letter written by the late President Franklin Roosevelt set in motion events that led to the discovery of the atom bomb.

This was revealed today when about 85 per cent of the 5,000,000 letters written or received by President Roosevelt during his whole political career became public property at a brief ceremony at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Library, Hyde Park, New York.

President Roosevelt kept a copy of almost every letter he wrote and received after he began his political career. He hoped to edit and prepare them before he died.

The rest of the letters were withheld for 25 years. They might embarrass people still alive or affect American relations with other nations.

The letter which led to the discovery of the atom bomb was written by Roosevelt on June 15, 1940, five years before the atom bomb fell on Hiroshima. It was addressed to Dr. Vannevar Bush, the American scientist.

He wrote the scientist that he had appointed him Chairman of the National Research Committee, adding: "I recently appointed a special committee to study into the possible relationship to national defence of the recent discoveries in the field of uranium."

"I will now request this committee to report direct to you as the function of your committee includes this special matter."

Two days before Pearl Harbor—on December 5, 1941—Roosevelt asked Mr. Wendell Willkie, the man he defeated in the 1940 Presidential Election, to make a goodwill tour of New Zealand and Australia as a White House representative.

To Mr. Willkie he wrote: "The situation is definitely serious and there might be an armed clash at any moment if the Japanese continue their forward progress against the Philippines, the Dutch Indies or Malaya or Burma."

## U.S. FLEET MAY VISIT KOREA

Washington, March 17.

The U.S. Seventh Fleet may visit South Korea next month in response to an invitation from President Syngman Rhee.

North Korea is in the hands of the Russian-backed People's Republic.

The Navy confirmed today that the invitation had been received and that it will be seriously considered.

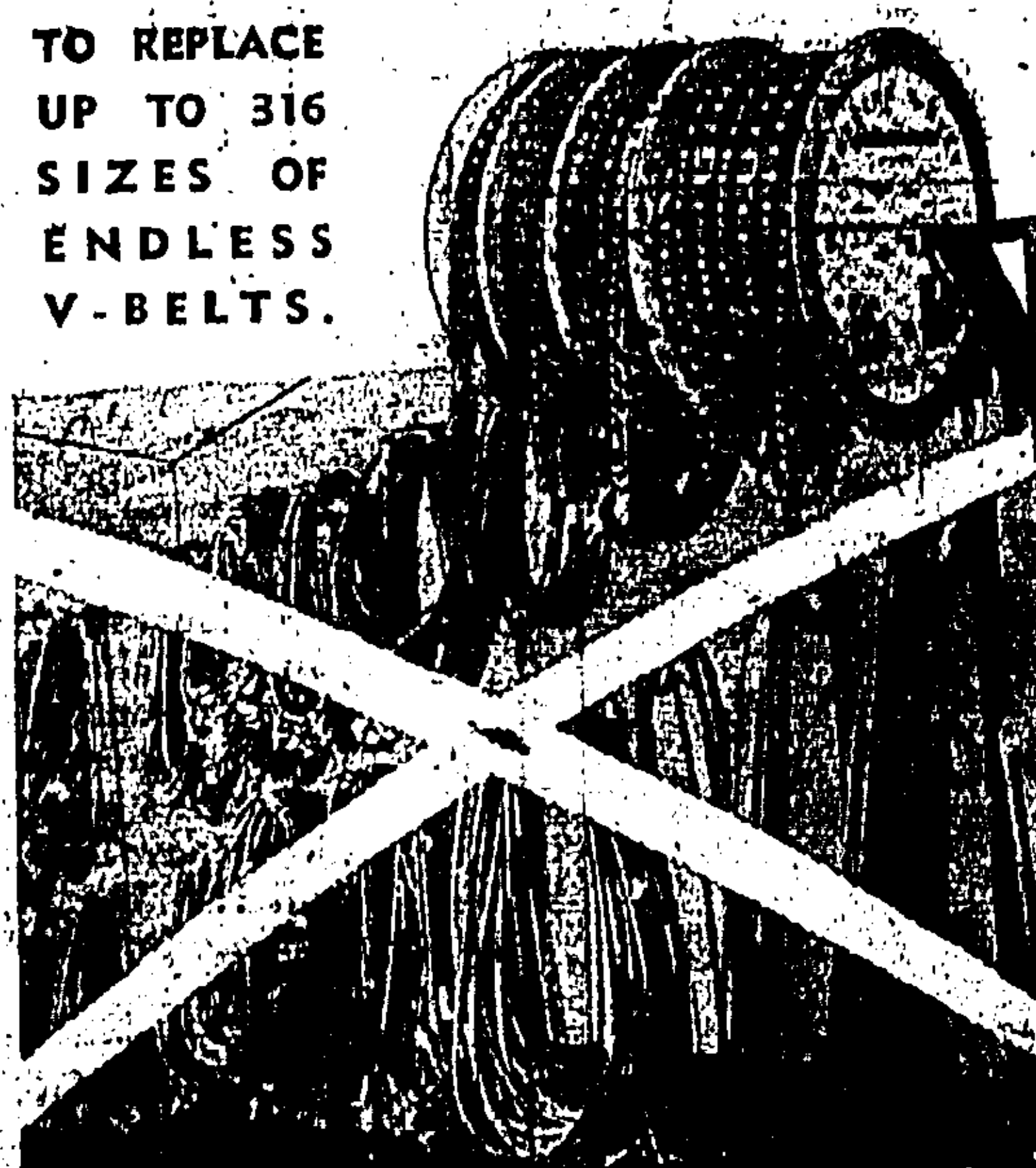
The aircraft carrier Boxer and two destroyers of the Seventh Fleet are in Saigon on a goodwill call on the French-sponsored Indo-China State of Vietnam.

President Rhee suggested April 6 to 8 as the dates for the visit. The Seventh Fleet is based on the Philippine islands, but operates actively throughout the Western Pacific.—Associated Press.

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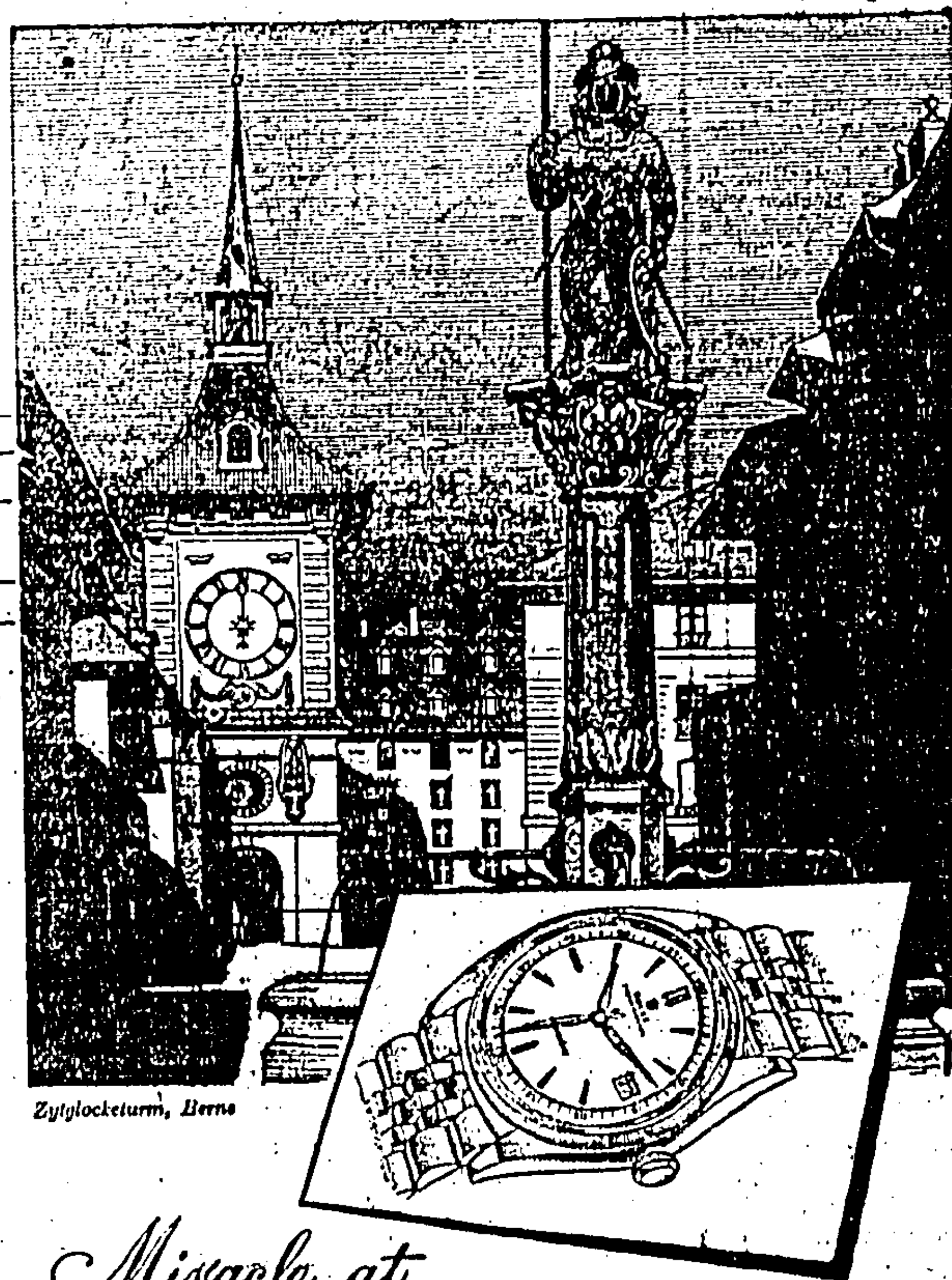
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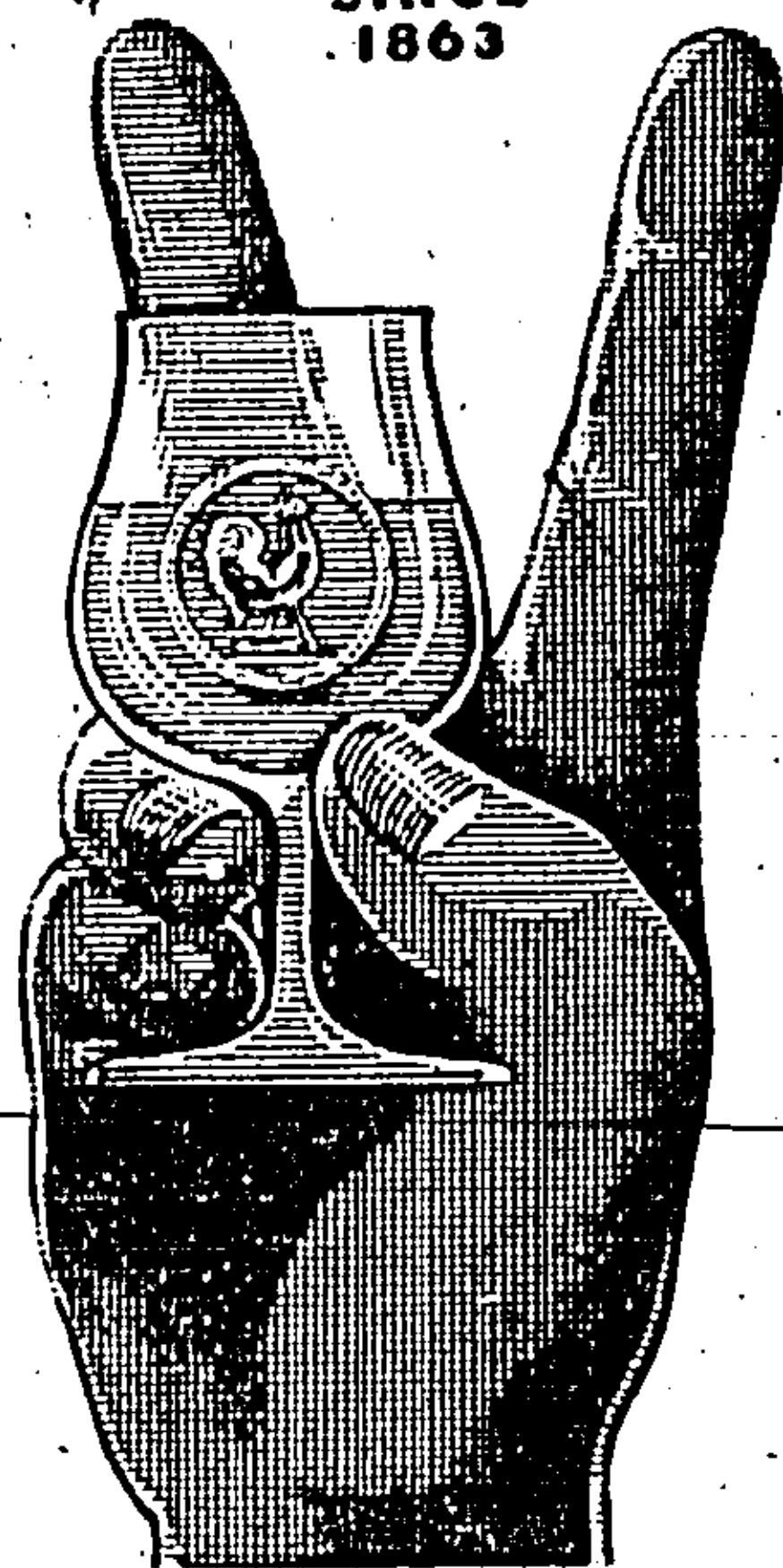




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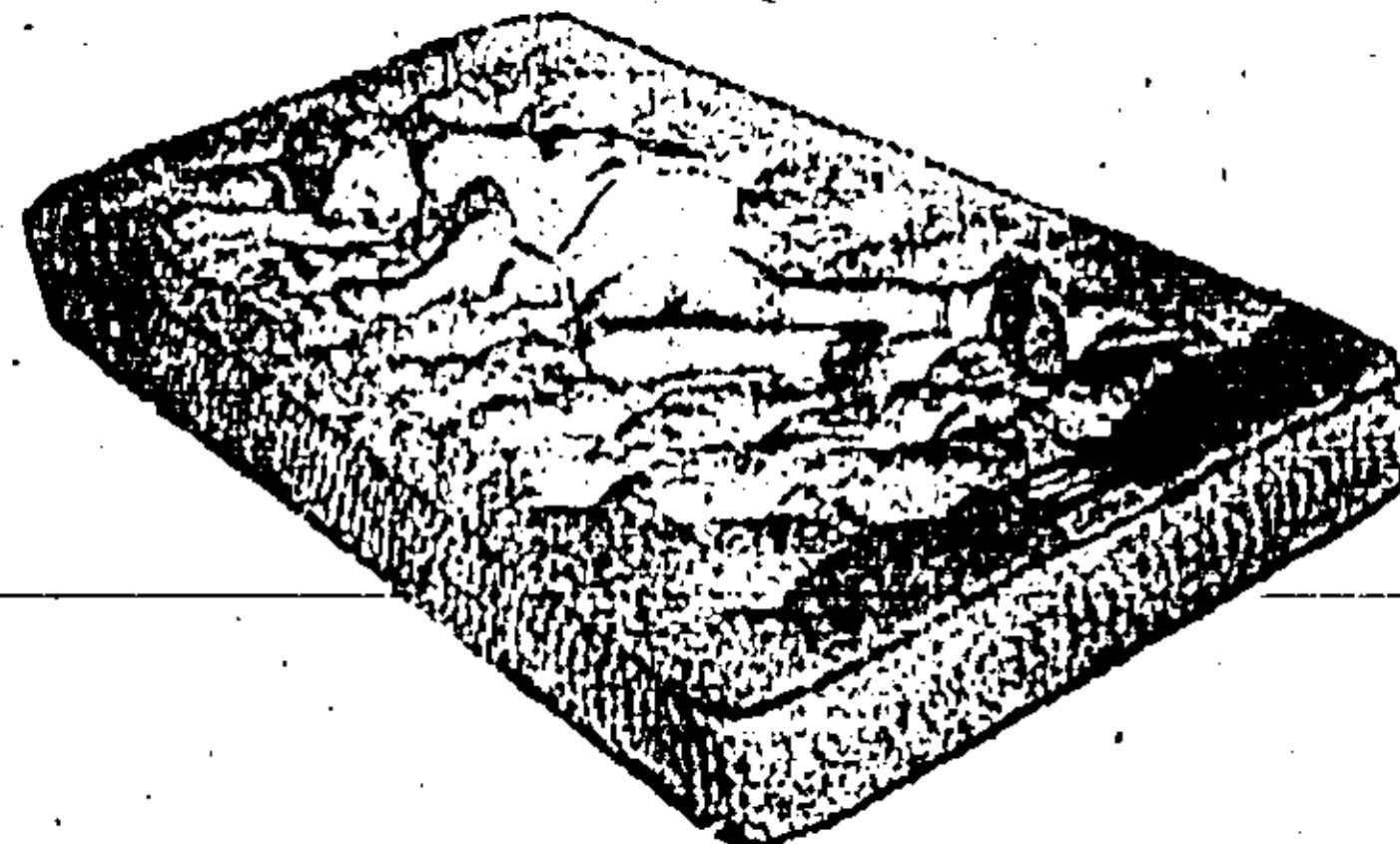
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The book "Nobody's Fool," which should normally have appeared in the week-end supplement of a New York newspaper, has been held over, while, and instead readers will have the opportunity of thrilling to an epic condensation of "The Man-Eating Leopard of Rudraprayag," which was written ages ago by Jim Corbett, the big-game hunter.

"A story you won't want to miss," read the notice of the change-over. "You'll feel the terror. Oklahomans must have experienced it when you read how a jungle brother of the Rudraprayag cat preyed on fear-blinded Indian villagers."

For the past weeks America has been acutely leopard-conscious. The hero of the week, and the animal of the half-century has unquestionably been a Rudraprayag leopard, which has changed in the popular imagination from a "raging, hunger-maddened cat" to "Spotty, the cat who loved freedom and who was dragged to death in an attempt to achieve it."

One of the most likeable characteristics of the American people as a whole is an emotional approach to little girls who fall down wells or to leopards who can leap 22 feet to freedom at South Western zoos.

### Leap to fame

Spotty, the hunger-maddened, freedom lover jumped this 22 feet across a pit which formed the boundary bar around the Lincoln Park Zoo, Oklahoma City.

For 61 hours he roamed free as the winds, while a company of marines armed with rifles, sub-machine guns and light anti-tank weapons, lone-hand big game hunters with shotguns, pilots in helicopters and artillery observation planes, police, firemen, watchers on the oil derricks, a covey of sheriffs and zoological and veterinary experts tried to bring him back alive. Dogs from mountain lion hunts were flown in and, a rude link of walkie-talkie sets known as "The Leopard Network" was established.

By dawn, Americans from coast-to-coast had their ears cocked to radio news from Oklahoma, and throughout the week the merry killing of the leopard, the merrymaking of the British election and the entrusting of the defence of Great Britain to Mr. Shinwell were overshadowed across the 48 States.

Everyone wanted to give advice, told stories in the papers and on the air about their own experiences hunting leopards. Sample: "Carl fired, hitting his leopard in the hind leg. Then his gun jammed... the leopard gave a terrible leap... and landed on Carl. Carl jammed his hand down the beast's throat—and killed him."

Bearded hunter Dr. James Clark said the hunters were "going to have an awfully hard time." A Mrs. Akeley, of 40, West 45th Street, New York, said that from her experience in the Belgian Congo she would set traps—such as a bleeding goat.

Naturalists reported that in Oklahoma's temperate climate

## NEW YORK LETTER



Spotty was having no trouble keeping himself warm. Food editors told their thrilled readers that leopards liked birds and small game with a marked preference for little dogs.

### Spotlight

Headlines grew bigger, more terrorized. "Leopard Ready To Kill For Food Today" was one of several which led teachers to close down for the day. Oklahoma City women's shops dug up old leopardskin skirts, coats, said "Dress in Style in Up-to-the-Minute Vogue." Oklahoma men, who are not that different from the characters of Drury Lane, invented the "Leopard Cocktail," on which, they said, "Made You See Spots."

Then the story came to New York on the 7 a.m. News that Spotty had returned to the zoo after an 18-mile romp, and had been hungry enough to devour two hunks of meat.

"Boy, that cat sure was some glutton," said the zoo superintendent.

Everyone knows that the meat was drugged, and that the leopard was superintended by a third try (the second came so close it gave Spotty a nosebleed). The sad picture of the freedom-lover being dragged back to his cage by his tail was enshrined in cartoon history across the land.

### In memoriam

Then came the ending in a form of O. Henry twist which reached the sad climax on Page One of a New York newspaper. Across the front page, in heavy black capitals, surrounded by mourning black lines other papers had used for President Roosevelt, read the message:

The New York "Daily Mirror," which more than 1,000,000 New Yorkers read, printed an editorial "Our Favourite Jungle Cat," which said: "Ferdinand the Leopard (our new name for him) is back in a deeper and steeper and better hole, and we are glad for the sake of the good people of Oklahoma City."

"But while he was loose," Oh Boy! Tiger, tiger burning bright, in the forests of the night... After the dreariness of strikes, atomic alarms, crime, murder and politics Ferdinand leaped across the front pages with savage fury. Bless him! He lived a good life. Even in death he serves us."

In Oklahoma they had a session in the State Capital. It was decided to stuff Spotty and install him as a trophy in the highest parliament of the State. Poor Dr. Bowerman, the vet, who had dropped the meat and who had said: "I'll be very surprised if he dies" a few minutes before he did

die, was called in to perform a VIP autopsy.

The cause of death: "A collapsed lung," brought on by an attack of pneumonia."

In fact, there weren't too many Americans who did not echo the comment of Herman, who delivers our papers.

"D'you get that leopard? He fools 'em getting out, he fools 'em getting back, he fools 'em by not dying, then he fools 'em by dying, then he fools 'em how he dies—that sure was some cat."

One month after his leap to freedom Spotty is well on the way to the Hall of Fame where all-American immortals are enshrined for wondering posterity.

Long after the hunt was over the "Christian Science Monitor," like a scripture teacher explaining a parable to a class that has already understood it, gleefully yet sonorously printed an editorial entitled "Spotty—Reasoning."

### Parable

"One might infer," said the "Monitor," "that the leopard chose security rather than adventure... after 60 hours contact with what we fondly call civilization. From this social planners many argue that even the animals and the most independent of them are amenable subjects for the Welfare State."

"Apparently the big cat, missed the warmth of his den, the sympathy of his mate—and regular food. Hence his susceptibility to chunks of meat laid out as an invitation but injected with a sleep-inducing drug."

"Ah," says your conservative "you see they had to dope him to make him surrender his freedom, and that's just what socialism is—a narcotic..."

"Now comes word that the leopard... has succumbed and is no more."

### Names in lights

SARAH CHURCHILL says the election returns were great news. "It means Daddy will win next time."

DEAN ACHESON'S hair has turned completely grey since he became Secretary of State. Last week he "humiliated himself to and doubt which had been created where none existed..." told Senators he obviously did not condone disloyalty within his Department.

ALBERT EINSTEIN plays the violin for a hobby. Last week a pianist friend's story was told, that Einstein once lost the beat. "One, two, three," yelled the pianist, "Can't you count?"

RALPH STRAUS, pro-British executive of Macy's New York (the largest store in the world), will serve on ECA Ambassador Harriman's staff in Europe. Strauss bought ship-loads of British exports for dollar sale here.

LEONARD BERNSTEIN, young conductor who loves to rearrange Beethoven, is now wearing black cowboy boots or moccasin-slippers for recitals, with full evening dress.

GUY LOMBARDO, the king of "sweet swing" music, has an arrangement of "The Harry Lime Theme" that is so good people are

## GOD'S ELECT

The Reformers in their presentation of Christianity laid great stress on the doctrine of election.

It is undoubtedly a difficult doctrine, and the statements of it are apt to sound harsh and arbitrary. For instance, in the Shorter Catechism, in answer to the question "Did God leave all mankind to perish in the estate of sin and misery?" we read "God having,

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out of his mere good pleasure, from all eternity, elected some to everlasting life, did enter into a covenant of grace, to deliver them out of the estate of sin and misery, and to bring them into an estate of salvation by a Redeemer."

In the face of such a statement, some who were convinced that they were of the elect became insufferably superior; others were distraught with anxiety and fear lest they should be amongst the lost; whilst others again simply shrugged their shoulders and said, "Well, we can do nothing about it."

All this, however, should not blind us to the real purpose of the doctrine and its essential truth. Its purpose is to testify to the absolute sovereignty of God. The destiny of all mankind and of every man is in His hands, and in His hands alone.

In spite of all that man may do, God's purpose will be fulfilled and vindicated. There is no single doctrine of the Christian faith that we need more desperately to bring back into our thinking and belief. It gives the only rock on which to found amid the shifting sands of human purpose and opinion.

The absolute sovereignty of God implies also (and here is the essential truth of the doctrine of election) that even salvation is of God alone. No man can of himself attain to a right relationship with God. No man can earn his own salvation. That is a gift of God in Christ.

And, though it may be that there are some who will be lost eternally, that gift in Christ is offered to every man here and now for his acceptance, on repentance and faith.

Such acceptance may well bring us the assurance that we are indeed in the fellowship of the redeemed, but it will never make us proud; it will keep us humble.

not bothering about ANTON KARAS, the original zither man.

CLARK CLIFFORD, who wrote President Truman's major 1948 campaign speeches, is now making \$33,000 a year as a private lawyer.

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## The seamen said it in 1620

By Tom Pocock

Crossing Portsmouth Harbour ferry one can see the seamen lying alongside Fort Blockhouse like rows of harpooned whales.

There is no grace in the swollen, submerged hulls, no romance in the braying klaxons and the smell of hot oil.

The manning of these vessels demands of their crews a cold courage that is hardly human. Today, with the lifeless Truculent still lying off the Shivering Sands, tribute is paid to seamen in a simple, moving film called "Morning Departure."

Even in peace-time Service men die violently. Soldiers die in the Malayan jungle. Airmen die in burning bombers. But it is the long, cold wait for death of submariners trapped on the sea-bed that grips and chills the imagination.

After the ramming of the Truculent one paper commented: "The stealthy, lurking submarine is a repellent invention. It is an instrument of war and nothing else."

### Never be tamed

Those were no new words. They had been spoken by seamen ever since the first submarine, rowed by 12 oarsmen, jerked across the Thames, 15ft. below the surface, in 1820.

It was plain even then that this invention, unlike explosive, could never be tamed for peaceful use. During the 1914-18 war the Royal Navy lost 59 submarines, and 216 German U-boats were sunk.

Wrote Winston Churchill: "One thinks of these officers and men penned together amid the intricate machinery which crammed their steel, cigar-shaped vessels, groping... far below the surface."

During the Second World War nearly 80 British submarines were lost. Enemy losses were: Germany, 781; Italy, 83; Japan, 130.

Between the wars some 20 submarine accidents had been suffered by the major naval Powers, with the loss of over 700 lives.

### Classic disaster

It was one of these peacetime accidents which, in spite of numbering war news, remains the classic disaster.

On June 1, 1939, the 20-page newspapers were full of John Barrymore's illness. Next morning the "Daily Mail" headlines announced: SUBMARINE SINKS OFF LLANDUDNO.

The name of that submarine was Thetis.

At 1.40 p.m. on June 1 the new submarine, with a mixed naval and civilian crew, dived. Three hours later she had intended to surface. But she did not.

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# THE ENTENTE CORDIALE

Now there's  
just a  
little hope

By JOHN HALL

There was no hope. For most people in Britain rheumatism in one form or another has been "just one of those things."

Those who have got away with slight aches and pains count themselves lucky. So too do those who have escaped with short, though racking, attacks. Unhappily have been the young and old lashed by dread arthritis, limbs distorted and locked fast, men and women bowed and crippled.

Suddenly there is hope.

In the great Mayo Clinic in the United States doctors force open the door of the mystery that is rheumatism.

They are optimistic

There is hope—hope that is known to most rheumatics by the magic word Cortisone—such hopes that British specialists who have devoted their lives to wrestling with demon rheumatism are prepared to voice optimism.

"Within five to 10 years," as a result of the new lines of research opened by the discovery that led to Cortisone, we hope to be able to treat most forms of rheumatism as effectively as medicine now treats pneumonia.

Rheumatism costs Britain £225,000,000 a year. It is responsible for the loss of 3,000,000 working weeks every year. Every year it attacks 200,000 British children. Every year 25,000 people in this country are killed by heart diseases of rheumatic origin.

With such a background of misery and waste it baffles most thinking people that British medicine has never mounted an all-out assault on rheumatism.

Baffling and discouraging to the experts and to rheumatics, is that in the light of the new discovery Britain is doing little to gear its best scientific brains to the exploration opened up by the Americans.

Small teams of British doctors are doing their best, but they are all short of facilities and funds.

The Medical Research Council is directing some of John Citizen's cash to rheumatic research; the Empire Rheumatism Council helps to the limits of its small resources; the National Foundation has made generous grants; smaller organisations and private individuals give a hand.

But today in the whole of Britain there are only 600 hospital beds devoted to the treatment of, and research into, rheumatism and arthritis.

The huge new National Health Scheme has but one officially approved rheumatism research unit. That unit is attached to the South West Region and is centred at Bath.

The difficulties besetting that unit spotlight the nation's lethargy. The team of five doctors is existing on enthusiasm and the conviction that at last the way has been opened for rheumatism to be conquered.

High reputation

Two of the five are working for considerably less than they could earn in specialist or even general practice; one is working for nothing. Laboratory space is so limited that part of the research work is conducted in what was a mortuary.

And this is a little team that has a high reputation in British medicine. Doctors from all over the country send their patients—housewives, miners, plumbers, typists—to receive remedial treatment at their hands. And as they work to help the sufferers the little team pursues its research.

Talk with the patients and their praise for the help they are receiving is deep, grateful.

Talk with those ordinary people, people who were struck and crippled by rheumatism "out of the blue" and they see the indignation that such a team is forced to work "on a shoestring," counting every halfpenny, so

"That sweet enemy France," Sir Philip Sidney's famous phrase recalls what was, for long enough, the main character of political relations between the two close neighbours.

It is not accidental that the only date everybody knows is 1066, or that so much of English history has been fought out on French soil. Nor is this all, for, as Kipling reminded us, the two neighbours have been enemies and rivals all over the world.

Montcalm and Wolfe, Clive and Duplex, Suffren and Hughes, these are names to add to the

By

DENIS W. BROGAN

Black Prince and Du Guesclin, Henry V and St. Joan, Marlborough and Villars, Napoleon and Wellington.

Those days of glory and folly are over. It is much more than a century since France and Britain were at war. It is a little more than a century since the name and the policy of the "Entente Cordiale" were first tried out; and, since then, the two neighbours have been allies in three wars and, realising more than ever before that history and geography have thrown them together.

The State visit of the President of the French Republic last week was intended to manifest to the world the realisation of this common destiny.

But it is not mere history, mere geography, that have made allies of the old enemies. It is not even the ever-present threat to their existence as independent States. It is the realisation, on both sides of the Channel, that France and Britain are complementary, makers and guardians of the political and cultural tradition of this old, battered Europe.

Imports of ideas

From the day when the French Queen of Kent (a Parisienne) welcomed St. Augustine to Canterbury, ideas and their carriers, fashions in food, clothing and doctrine have come to us across the Channel. Lanfranc, Le Roman de la Rose, Gothic, Montaigne, Tmoyl, Calvinism, Cezanne, crinolines, cookery and, of course, in all ages, wines. Students went over to the young university of Paris and came back to found Oxford.

Debtors and duellists crossed in haste, travellers and tourists with more dignity and leisure. Sterne and Smollett, Brummell and Wilde, Gladstone, Chamberlain and Wordsworth; there has been a steady stream of pilgrims grave and gay, volunteers and conscripts.

After all it was one of the most devoted and regular English visitors to Paris who, defying the pessimists, made plain to the world the ending of the traditional enmity between the two neighbours.

No one ever brought to Paris a more devoted love than Edward VII, and it was he who set the example of the "succession" of State visits that, since 1903, have marked the growing acceptance, by both peoples and 14th Governments, of the new idea that have thrown them together.

There has been traffic the other way, too. We all remember William the Conqueror, but seldom that the son of Philippe Augustus, the future Louis VIII, almost dethroned William's dynasty.

Bodiam Castle recalls the terror spread by French raids across the Channel—and it is not being ludicrous to recall that the first head of a French State to

short of funds that it cannot afford laboratory assistants, cannot do a quarter of the research work that is waiting to be done.

A small group of women in the West Country are trying to do something. Inspired by what they know of the work of the research unit at Bath, they are raising an appeal to the country.

They plan a national competition to raise funds. There is hope

stay in London was King John, captured at Poitiers, while the poet, Charles d'Orleans, another royal prisoner of war, captured perhaps be regarded as the predecessor of such literary visitors as Voltaire and Verlaine.

Nor has the traffic in ideas been along one way. Macaulay insisted that France has been the interpreter between England and mankind. "This has not been the sole or the main claim of France on human gratitude. But, all the same, it has been one of her claims."

Swept from time to time by Anglomaniacs, France has swallowed Shakespeare and Newton, Richardson and Bonnington, with

as much enthusiasm as Britain has shown in their more steady exemplification of the belief that, culturally at least, "they order this matter better in France."

What have these two ancient nations, long bred in the wisdom of moderation, of tradition, of variety, in common with nations like the USSR and the United States, whose boast seems, too often, to be of mere number, of mere power, of a formidable and unattractive uniformity? It is more in France than in Britain that such protests are heard, but the temper that makes the protests is common in both countries.

The extension of the Communist party line to science and medicine has shaken the faith of all but the most fanatical, the most "engaged" of the intellectual partisans of Moscow in Paris or in London. But is there no cultural danger from the United States? It is a question put, very recently, not by open or hidden servants of Russian policy, but by such independent critics of life as M. Francois Mauriac and M. Andre Siegfried.

Coca-cola, bebop, the "tough" novel, the banalities of Hollywood, mass production—these are dangers to a system of society like the French, where moderation, clarity, the acceptance of the necessary limitations of human life, are the great intellectual and moral virtues.

Some of this revisionism from the East and the West expresses the fatigue, the disillusionment of the two wars, the terrible ordeal of the Occupation, the inevitable deceptions of the Liberation. To cry:

Mais, vrai j'ai trop pleuré!  
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Is natural but, as the case of Rimbaud shows, no necessary impediment to energy and courage.

Communist threat

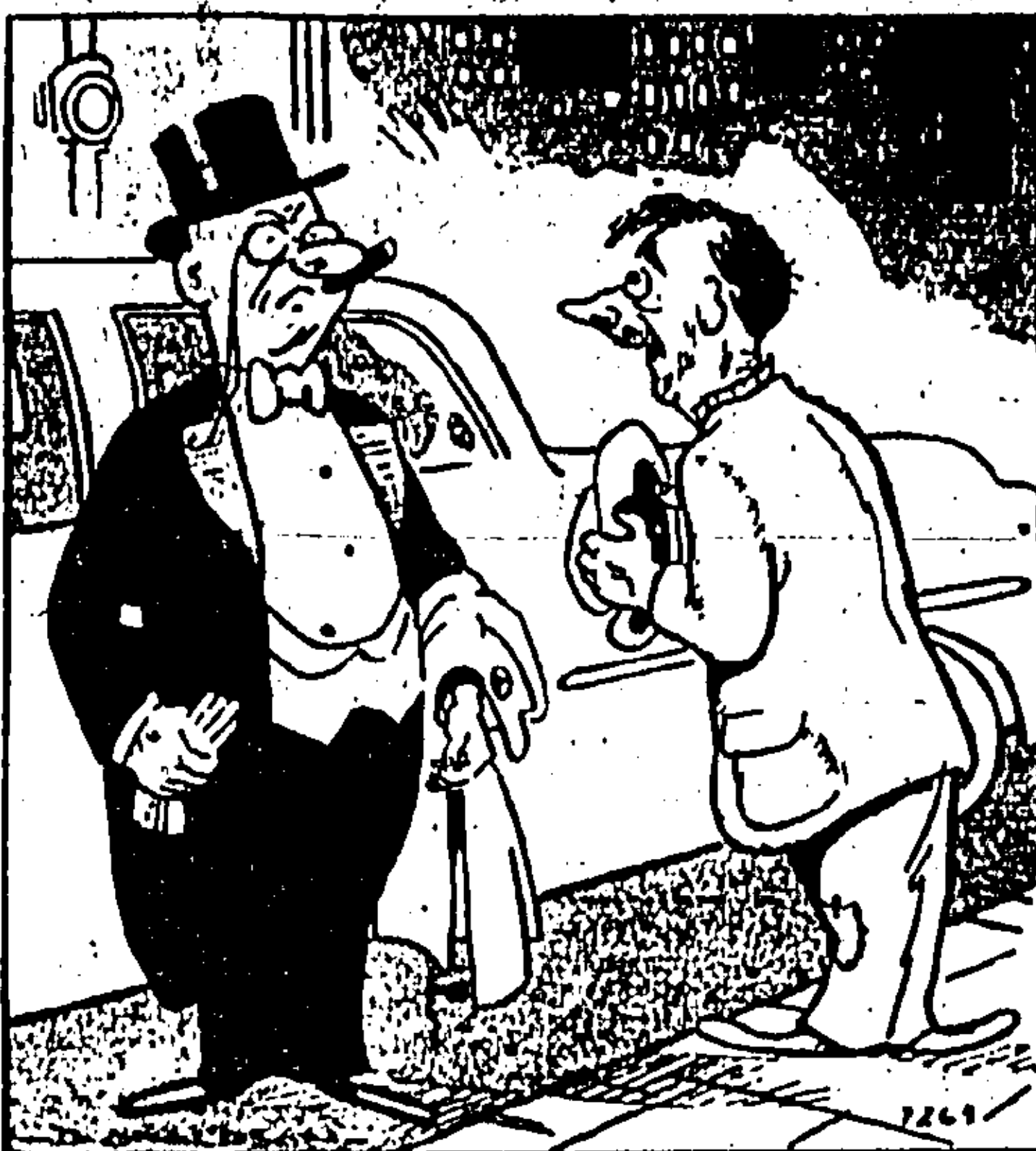
But few of the defenders of the old values in either country have any illusion about the relative degree of danger from Moscow and Washington, or doubt which more nearly represents the Western tradition.

The exuberance, the brashness, of the United States may awaken temporary resentment. The occasional signs that some Americans think of France (and possibly of Britain) as "expedient" are exploited for all they are worth—by the timid, the resigned.

Unfortunately, a great part of the French workers misled by its own revolutionary tradition, follows, though with less and less docility, the party that preaches peace and wages war.

It is the President of the Republic who has insisted that the Communist challenge to the authority of the State must now be met. And it is to a fellow-member of the Atlantic system that this great ceremonial visit was paid, and that visit is a reaffirmation of the common interests and the common pledges of the two nations.

But if this was a great State event, it was also a visit. The Parisians who welcomed Princess Elizabeth and her husband with such enthusiasm, appreciated skill in pageantry and they wished the banquets and the receptions to be sources of human pleasure as well as indications of State policy.



## Eritrea is a load Britain should shed

By J. L. Hays

In Asmara, capital of Eritrea, there are plenty of bulging hip-pockets among the smoothly-suited Italian youths sipping coffee and eating sweet pastries at the little tables lining the pavements of the wide Corso Italia.

Through the sunset, the music of the bells in the tall, pointed spire of the rose-red cathedral mingle with the roar of the exhausts of long, low Alfa-Romeos speeding under the plane trees.

Neon signs glow over the smart shops, strictly Roman in their displays of a single, draped crocodile skin bag, or a single rich, silk shirt with a matching tie.

My British companion asks: "Am I seeing things, or are those lads really carrying guns?" "Yes," I nod, "they like to do so at night. And the town is stuffed to the roof-tops with all Italian weapons and grenades."

British security forces have clamped down a curfew on the Capital's 17,000 Italians and 60,000 dark-skinned Eritreans after rioting and killings. Italian guns blazed... an Eritrean attacking an Italian shopkeeper with a knife dropped to the pavement... a 40-year-old Italian woman died of revolver wounds.

Costs millions

Why are British forces involved? Search among your war memories and the name "Keren" might ring a bell. Remember the battle in 1941 in which General Platt's Gurkhas and Cameron Highlanders earned glory?

When at dawn, on March 27 of that year, the Italians' white flags blossomed on the Keren peaks, Eritrea—an Italian colony since 1900—fell into British hands. When the Union Jack was hoisted over the white-walled Residenza Vigorale in Asmara, fluttering over trim lawns and purple smudges of bougainvillea the British Army became responsible for the administration of 800,000 people in 800,000 square miles of Africa.

Britain has ruled Eritrea since running a "maintenance only" ad-

ministration, refusing to spend any more money than necessary on what is still, "officially" Italian. Even so, Eritrea has cost the British taxpayer up to £3,000,000 in nine years.

Patently Britons have waited for a decision by the United Nations on the territory's future.

The United Nations announced in November that their final decision would be postponed until one of their familiar Commissions of Inquiry "had" studied the position on the spot.

The only issue on which the mixed population—British, Italians, Coptic Christians, Moslems and pagans—is united is that the United Nations should decide on their future as quickly as possible.

Back to Italy

Britain's Chief Administrator Mr. Greville Drew, told me bluntly a short time ago: "We have got to have a decision immediately—or there will be trouble."

The trouble has started. The fuzzy-haired Eritreans are bitterly and hopelessly divided on what they want from the United Nations.

The Christian, straight-nosed, classical-featured Amhara of the central highlands (Asmara, 1,500 feet above sea level) have racial and religious ties through the Coptic Church with neighbouring Ethiopia. They want Eritrea to be taken over by the Kingdom of the Emperor Haile Selassie.

The predominantly Moslem communities of the lowlands favour an independent Eritrea subject to British "tutelage" for a number of years.

The pagan, nomadic tribes near the coast and in the foothills—the backward Danakil, Galla and Somali—could not care less who runs them but hate both the Italians and the Amharas.

Most of the colony's surviving 20,000 Italians want to go home—unless it is possible for the British to stay a little longer. The Moslems treat them coolly, with suspicion and the pro-Ethiopian, with lively memories of Fascist brutalities in the Abyssinian war, hate the sight of them.

Eritrea looks like giving Britain plenty of trouble. The sooner she get out of it the better."

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# Between Ourselves

## LACE LEADS AGAIN

By Janet Martin

Every season there is something old that is now again—but always new with a difference, with some little, distinctive twist which adds the cachet of the year.

This year, lace is new again—the special lace for fashions of 1950, the heavy guipure, boldly patterned, in designs which stand out as clear as etchings against dark backgrounds.

Chalk white is the special colour, chalk white on black, on navy and colours near to black.

For renovations and alterations, lace is quite your best friend. The new full sleeve, for instance, can be added in lace to a plain, dark frock. A white lace collar or apron can really electrify a rather tired black. Here are some of the new ways with lace...

Collars, of course. Little high-necked ones, long, slender triangles as revers for deep necklines; wide "kerchief" collars, emphasising the sloping, dropped shoulder line...in heavy white lace or hand crochet.

### "Peg top" line

Then pockets. The slight "peg top" line of skirts brings many models with pockets slanted on the hipline. From America comes a charming suggestion for what to do with these. Just take two revers-shaped pieces of lace to match your collar and give the pockets revers too!

Lace insertions in sleeves and skirts help tremendously on those "making over" jobs. They can be quite amusing too, bands or panels, also inset motifs and embroidered monograms.

Or, perhaps, a little apron of Viennese lace to tie over a dark slim frock. I noted one of these with a small round collar to match, which looked perfectly delightful.

And, if not a collar-and-apron, why not a collar-and-hat? With joy I hail the return of the ever-becoming pill box hat—especially the one covered in crisp white lace to match the wide lace revers on a narrow black woolen frock. If you are a crochet expert, you must definitely get out your hook this spring and make yourself some of these charming trifles.

For the evening, we see heavy lace or white embroidery against a background of black, and sewn with glittering points of paste or beading.

Heavy lace needs a background to show the design at its best. The London collections feature several interesting colour combinations of lace on contrast—one ankle-length evening frock has a black lace off-shoulder bodice and very full skirt of black silk net worn over an underdress of rustling red taffeta.

### Short jacket

Another full length model, in white nylon taffeta has a short bolero jacket of heavy black lace and matching bands of black lace in the skirt.

Looking ahead to warmer weather clothes, we see the heavy guipures again, allied with linen, pique, sharkskin and chambray. Crisp, tailored linens have detachable lace revers and pocket flaps. The airy blouse-bodice has a Peter Pan collar of lace and lace cuffs to finish its full, three-quarter length sleeves.

For wearing under your smartest black costume, the boutiques display dainty lace waistscoats, lined in contrasting silk—coral pink lace, for instance, lined in black, to be worn in the new alliance of pink and black.

For cocktails, they suggest a black lace "beanie" cap studded with jet beads—or a black lace mantilla to wear as scarf or stole.

## U.S. as a woman sees it

Some matronly hearts will skip a beat shortly when a junior edition of the "Great Profile" is seen on the screen.

Whether the Barrymore genius and clown have been passed on will be up to cinema audiences to decide when they see 17-year-old John Barrymore Junior in his first film part in "The Signifiers". It's a big undertaking to step into the shoes of such a brilliant and stormy character as his late father. Perhaps that's why young John took the plunge so early.

In case he lost his nerve, he is slight, sharp featured, a bit over five feet ten and has large hands that he uses just the way all the Barrymores do.

He also twists his eyebrows about in an astonishingly reminiscent manner.

Yet he surely saw his father once for his parents' mother was beautiful Dolores Costello, were divorced when he was three.

Until egged on by schoolboy friends John had never seen a film of his father. When he saw a revival of "The Great Profile", he was thunderstruck.

"The similarity of his expressions and gestures staggered me," says Johnny. "It is upsetting that I should be so like him when I hardly remember him."

Film audiences have clearer memories. John Barrymore Junior has something pretty big to measure up against.

Men are just beginning to tumble to the fact that women hold the purse strings in America. Now they're busily cashing in on that knowledge with suggestions as to how they should spend it.

Sylvia Porter, one of America's most successful financial columnists—male or female—whose judgment is valued by the most astute business men, says that "the American woman has a lot of money, like to hear a lot about money and thinks enough of her money to care how it should be and is invested."

Here isn't an isolated view, for some of New York's largest stock-broking firms have commenced "Ladies Only" courses—to teach women about investing money. Their classes are crowded out.

Banks, colleges and business clubs are following suit, and women are falling over themselves to acquire solid, down-to-earth knowledge of money and how it works.

Sylvia Porter forecasts that the "women in finance" movement will cause drastic changes in the country's financial set-up and in the 1950 investment market.

If you're a career girl whose tastes in decorating and ready-made don't tally, perhaps you'd be interested in some ideas that Elizabeth Ogg has about furnishing.

Miss Ogg has just written a book about furnishing the small flat (she does not even sheer at the furnished room). If your walls are an uninspired grey, oatmeal or a delicate mud colour, she suggests that you invest in muslin curtain dyed lettuce green and a few cushions in terra cotta or lemon yellow. If the walls are stained or badly peeling, you can achieve a most impressive appearance by hanging unbleached muslin from ceiling to floor.

## From the Paris spring collection



This cocktail-dinner ensemble by Balenciaga of Paris shows his new swallowtail silhouette. An apricot fallie coat, dress length in back but just barely covering the chest in front. It is fastened with a paved diamond fan from bohemian. The dress is of black Chantilly lace with discreet pantalettes that cover the knees. The Milan picture hat is shaped like an artist's palette, with a bunch of black paradise feathers at one side. —Associated Press Photo.

## How to keep your jewellery lovely

Here are a few tips from a leading London jeweller as on the day they were bought.

Cleaning jewellery is by no means a tiresome task and the enhanced beauty of the jewels after cleaning is really most rewarding. Plain gold jewellery need only be washed in warm soapy water, dried in a soft cloth and polished on a chamois leather. Silver jewellery, unless it is badly tarnished, may be satisfactorily cleaned by the same method used for gold. If the silver is badly tarnished it will respond to careful cleaning with jeweller's rouge and a final washing and rinsing to remove every trace of rouge.

Diamond and gem-set jewellery may be cleaned with a small hog's-bristle paint brush dipped in surgical spirit. Clean carefully behind the stones and in the corners of the settings where dirt and dust are apt to accumulate. Give a final polish with a chamois leather.

Coral, chalcedony, cornelian, lapislazuli and other gemstones in necklets, earrings, rings and so on, may be cleaned by careful washing in warm soapy water, rinsing, drying and finally polishing with a chamois leather. For gilded pieces which have become tarnished the only thing to do is to have them regilded. Fortunately, new methods of manufacturing have resulted in most pieces of British costume jewellery being made of untarnishable metal, and so will you need to know is how to keep it clean.

If it is paste set you should brush it very lightly and carefully with a dry jeweller's brush dipped in whitening—never wash it or you will find the paste turning an odd colour. To preserve imitation pearls experts say that they should never be washed but simply wiped with a soft rag or tissue.

Now you've got a start. If your bed has end pieces, saw them off, says Miss Ogg firmly, and make a tailored divan cover. If your armchairs are worn, but you don't feel like investing money in somebody's else's furniture, tack a strip of gay material down the back and the seat and round the bottom. If new unpainted wooden furniture is beyond you, you might try painting two beaten-up office filing cabinets a gay colour, and balancing a plywood board between them. Dressed up with a frilled skirt they make a first-rate dressing table.

And if you can't push the fringing board out of sight, try making a plain tailored cover to match the room. It makes a fine emergency cocktail table. A large mirror is something no small, dark room should be without. It helps to defeat that claustrophobic feeling.

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## Between Ourselves

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## THAT 1950 FIGURE

By Claudia

We are hearing—and reading—a good deal these days about the silhouette of the year, the fashionable figure which is emerging with the mark of 1950.

Whatever changes the lords of fashion may have decreed, one thing quite clear from our first glance at the magazines... the figure underneath must be as slim and trim as ever... indeed there is even less room for the extra inch or the superfluous curve.

So, if we want to wear a skirt narrow enough for the accepted smart line, or a frock neat, if not nipped, around the waist, our figures must be persuaded into the admired shape.

Loose bodices and full sleeves are all very well—in fact delightful—but around the waist, our figures must be persuaded into the admired shape.

Someone once said, rather aptly, that a slim waist is a state of mind. There is far more truth in this little "man" than leaps to the eye at first sight. But a slim waist really is largely a matter of carriage, of carrying the rib cage high above the waistline as when you have drawn a deep breath, of feeling conscious of a definite space between waist and ribs and keeping it there, whether walking, sitting or eating.

### Special exercises

So get in the right state of mind—then we can add a few special exercises for daily improvement.



The old toe-touching exercise brings better results in proportion to its simplicity than any other exercise we know. In fact, the simplest exercises are generally the most effective. In toe-touching, for which the proper time is immediately on rising, while the joints and muscles are relaxed, your aim is, of course, to get the palms, not just the fingertips, flat on the floor.

Do this exercise with a real swing of the arms, up and over, as you bend from the waist. Tuck in your head as near to your knees as you can get it. Put all you've got into getting those hands right on the floor. A half-hearted effort is exactly as much use as none at all, but with a good will, this one, simple exercise will tone up an astonishing number of muscles, from your neck, right down to your heels.

Now add another simple one for the shoulders and bust. Stand facing a wall, arms outstretched in front at shoulder level, palms flat against the wall. Lean in towards the wall until your elbows touch it, push out again. Repeat 20 times, rhythmically.

For hip reducing, exercises with a roll or a bump about them are best. Here is one with a roll, which will find every muscle from waist and buttocks down to the backs of the thighs and calves. Lie flat on your back, arms outstretched to the sides, at shoulder level. Now raise the right leg, swing over with a half roll and try to touch the left hand with right toes. Swing back smartly, then try with left leg to right hand. Repeat ten times each way, alternately.

Another for the waist. Stand straight, feet apart, arms raised above the head. Now swing your arms in a circle, rotating from the waist, which is the centre. You are trying to make the biggest circle possible, a bit large each time, bending to back, sides and front, from the waist, as far over as you can manage. This is a splendid exercise for tummy, back and waist as well.

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## Ann Temple Lacking in character

In a talk with my son's headmaster I was told that my son is lacking in character. My wife and I know this to be true, and it causes us much anxiety.

What exactly is character? How can it be taught?—L. R. S.

This is indeed a sharp anxiety for you. The best way to arrive at your answer is through an examination of what guides your own lines of action.

You know you have blind impulses, desires and cravings. It is character that recognises and organises them into good and bad desires. By your will you permit them or restrain them from passing into actions. Your character is the censor, your will—character in action.

Character is trained into a child by clear-cut differentiation between right and wrong, by encouragement towards the right, by discouragement of and punishment for the wrong.

It is hard for parents to see the child suffering for willful wrong, but that is the essence of discipline. And it is wise understanding discipline that brings ultimately to both parents and child the greatest happiness.

When in the R.A.F. I was never short of a girl friend. I was selfish and had little consideration for their feelings, partly due, I think, to the sort of life we led and the thought that it might suddenly be cut off.

A long spell in hospital made me think, and since then I have changed for the better. A lot of good it has done!

I have lost two girls to the other chap—in both cases precisely the type I used to be. So girls treat me rather badly. I tried to make life pleasant for them by being kind—not missing dates and telephoning casually a week later.

Since women like being pushed around they should not complain as many are always doing, about men's manners and conduct—W. G.

That's a wild generalisation. It was probably theorising that caught you out. There are two types of men a woman finds irresistible. The man who has the charming attentiveness of manners and manner that makes her feel she is "the only one in the world," at her most beautiful and romantic.

The other, the man with an intriguing indifference, allied with charm. With good manners he is all-conquering; but with some women his charm works, though his manners are atrocious.

Girls don't like being pushed around. They fall for strong masculine qualities in spite of being pushed around.

Isn't one more sure of happiness in marriage if one lets the husband be the boss?

For myself, I would much rather have it that way than being equal partners. — PHIL-LITA.

Sure you are not cheating? Lots of wives like to leave the hard decisions and the weightier responsibilities to their husbands, but in all the things they want themselves to do, they go their own way—secretly or by wangling.

Partnership is for mature natures and personalities. Both husband and wife must have intelligence and sense if they are to share being "head of the house." The husband can be so in some ways, the wife in others.

The happiness of partnership is more secure. The wife can be honest and above-board in her needs and opinions and can dispense with the troublesome upkeep of illusions.

My fiancé's people are well-off and propose giving us an allowance so that we need not wait for marriage until he has progressed farther in his career.

Do you think it is a good thing for us to accept this?—NETTA.

You would accept this help if they left the money to you. What's wrong with accepting it in their lifetime, since they can afford it and wish to help?

It could be a hindrance if it imposed conditions or encouraged dependability; but given from a genuine wish to save a young couple from the heartbreaking long wait for marriage it could not be anything but a good thing.

During the last 10 years my husband has grown more and more attractive and distinguished looking. He is a captain in the Merchant Service and home only for odd weeks every two months.

He is shortly to take up a shore berth. I have been running the home and looking after the children and having the handling of all the household money. I feel I'm always scrimping and saving and all weighed down with responsibility.

My husband has no conception of the increased cost of living or how the money goes. To him 10 dollars worth of flowers for my birthday is nothing, while I have to squash the thought that it is a day's housekeeping.

The 10 years that have brightened him have made me dull and heavy—mentally and physically. I am too conscious of rates, bills, keeping the children tidy. I must change before we take up life all together. I should hate to depress him or to change him in any way. — TOO HEAVY.

But he will change. Or rather he will seem to change. You are seeing him now as the eternal sailor on leave—always a delightfully romantic fellow—a lavish spender too!

You forget the man with a great load of responsibility on his shoulders, the man who must know how everything in his ship is being run.

When he is home for good, not merely on holiday, he can be at the helm of the home along with you if you are wise with him. Let go a bit of the daily scrape yourself, but call him in for consultation and advice. He has been a man of authority and responsibility. Let him remain so. To discern an excellence is to receive a trust.

Don't prepare to make a pampered guest of him. Looking forward to having him tackling difficulties with you should make you light of heart and mind. But get to work on that physical "too heavy." Yes—it's depressing. A good tip this—watch the affect different meals have on you. Notice what meals leave you feeling light and satisfied, light and unsatisfied, or just heavy. Keep right on any of them that bring lightness round the waist.

A daily walk for the sake of walking is really and truly a lightener. Get the feel of walking with a light step and a head-to-toes limbering movement. It is freshening and exhilarating, and an effective weight adjuster. Astonishing how modern women scorn this swift restorer of balance and grace. Too easy, I suppose.

The term "sophisticated" is often applied to women and even young girls. According to dictionaries the word has an unpleasant meaning.

Perhaps modern usage has given the word a different meaning. But would you feel flattered or delighted if you were so described?—P. E. G.

Neither. It's far enough from true to leave me cold!

I would say it was a word with an improved significance, the emphasis being rather more on the ultra-civilised side than on the specious.



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## SURVEY OF WORLD'S ECONOMIC POSITION

### New York Stock Exchange

New York, March 17. The stock market had a little ground today after climbing to a new three and a half year high for two straight days. Individual losses were small, mostly fractional, and a good sprinkling of shares showed equally small gains. Transfers, 1,000,000 shares.

Selling pressure never was great, but Wednesday's rise—sharp in nearly two years—invited profit-taking sales on Thursday and today.

Stumblers included the preferred and common stocks of American Car and Foundry. Fractional losses included Pacific Gas and Electric and Warner Brothers Pictures.

Among the gainers were Columbia Gas, Trans-America, United Corporation and Budd Company. Dow Jones averages: Stocks 75.02; 20 Industrials 207.57; 15 Rails 65.70; 10 Utilities 43.60.

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| Bonds advanced. Curb stumblers included Electric Bond and Share, Colonial Airlines, Barium Steel and Kirby Petroleum.—Associated Press. |                   |

These changes in the basic relationship between demand and supply contributed to a marked easing of inflationary pressures throughout most of the world. Prices, especially of primary commodities, tended to decline. In the case of some commodities, the problem of potential surpluses appeared.

In a few industrialized countries effective demand was insufficient to prevent a significant rise in unemployment.

Progress in economic development was threatened in some of the under-developed countries by a decline in the proceeds of their exports owing to reduced prices and to a weakening of demand from industrially advanced countries.

**Economic activity**

The report compares production levels with those which prevailed before the war, as well as indicating the changes which have taken place between 1948 and 1949.

The world output of foodstuffs, raw materials and manufactures in 1949 was between 20 and 25 per cent greater than in 1937. Output in 1949 was a little above that of 1948, which in turn was over 10 per cent greater than that of 1947.

Total world industrial production was nearly 40 per cent above that of 1937, primarily as a result of further gains in industrial production in Europe.

World trade, as well as production, tended to level off in the course of 1949. The quantum of world exports in the first nine months of 1949 nearly reached the level of 1937, and exceeded that of the corresponding period of 1948 by eight per cent. The advance in the quantum of exports in 1949 over 1948, however, declined with each successive quarter of the year.

The growth of world trade during the last two, or three years has resulted chiefly from the recovery of the trade of the soft currency countries. In 1948, nearly a third of world trade represented trade between one group of countries (hard currency countries i.e. North and Central America, and Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador and Venezuela in South America, the Philippines, Belgium, Portugal and Switzerland) and the other countries classified as soft currency countries; the remaining two-thirds of world trade represented trade among the countries within each group.

**U.S. imports**

From 1947 to the first half of 1949, the share of soft currency countries in world imports rose from 70 to 73 per cent, and their share in world exports from 52 to 63 per cent. This increase, however, resulted from larger trade among the countries within this group. Trade within the group of soft currency countries rose by about three-fifths in value and accounted for the

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The United Nations world economic report for 1949 provides a comprehensive survey of the principal economic developments during 1949. It describes 1949 as a year of high levels of economic activity and employment, as well as a year of major economic changes which marked the virtual completion of post-war reconstruction and reconversion.

It stresses that the factors which tended to promote economic expansion throughout most of the world since the end of the war have been considerably reduced. The reconstruction and reconversion of industry were virtually completed by 1949 in most of the war-devastated countries of Europe and the post-war expansionist phase appeared to have come to an end in much of the industrialized part of the world. The industries of many countries had completed the re-equipment programmes of great urgency, and levels of investment were being governed increasingly by more normal demand factors. Supplies of all kinds of goods had become more plentiful.

These changes in the basic relationship between demand and supply contributed to a marked easing of inflationary pressures throughout most of the world. Prices, especially of primary commodities, tended to decline. In the case of some commodities, the problem of potential surpluses appeared.

In a few industrialized countries effective demand was insufficient to prevent a significant rise in unemployment. Progress in economic development was threatened in some of the under-developed countries by a decline in the proceeds of their exports owing to reduced prices and to a weakening of demand from industrially advanced countries.

**Economic activity**

The report compares production levels with those which prevailed before the war, as well as indicating the changes which have taken place between 1948 and 1949.

The world output of foodstuffs, raw materials and manufactures in 1949 was between 20 and 25 per cent greater than in 1937. Output in 1949 was a little above that of 1948, which in turn was over 10 per cent greater than that of 1947.

Total world industrial production was nearly 40 per cent above that of 1937, primarily as a result of further gains in industrial production in Europe.

World trade, as well as production, tended to level off in the course of 1949. The quantum of world exports in the first nine months of 1949 nearly reached the level of 1937, and exceeded that of the corresponding period of 1948 by eight per cent. The advance in the quantum of exports in 1949 over 1948, however, declined with each successive quarter of the year.

The growth of world trade during the last two, or three years has resulted chiefly from the recovery of the trade of the soft currency countries. In 1948, nearly a third of world trade represented trade between one group of countries (hard currency countries i.e. North and Central America, and Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador and Venezuela in South America, the Philippines, Belgium, Portugal and Switzerland) and the other countries classified as soft currency countries; the remaining two-thirds of world trade represented trade among the countries within each group.

**U.S. imports**

From 1947 to the first half of 1949, the share of soft currency countries in world imports rose from 70 to 73 per cent, and their share in world exports from 52 to 63 per cent. This increase, however, resulted from larger trade among the countries within this group. Trade within the group of soft currency countries rose by about three-fifths in value and accounted for the

## EFFORT TO REGULATE WORLD TIN

London, March 17. An attempt to regulate the world supply of tin, which earns dollars for the sterling area and for the Belgian and Dutch currency areas, will be made when the International Tin Study Group, after preparation in London, gets down to business in Paris on Monday.

Last year the production of tin was about 160,000 tons. This was about a third more than commerce could consume. This year the excess may be even greater. For years tin has been the subject of applied world economics.

The International Tin Study Group, which represents both producers and consumers, will have before it a draft agreement and possibly alternative plans for the regulation of the market.

Statistics available will show to what extent tin is likely to be produced to excess this year.

The Group will consider what can be done about it, and its recommendations will eventually go before an International Tin Conference, to be convened by the United Nations.

The member countries of the Group are Australia, Belgium, Bolivia, the British colonies, Canada, China, Czechoslovakia, France, India, Indonesia, Italy, the Netherlands, Thailand, the United Kingdom and the United States.—Reuter.

## PAKISTAN WHEAT FOR GERMANY

Frankfurt, March 17. The West German Government today authorised importers to buy \$20,000,000 worth of wheat from Pakistan. Deliveries will begin in May, and prices will be fixed between German and Pakistan businessmen.

A West German official said that his Government had withheld the authorisation until now because there has been no need for these imports yet. The wheat deliveries, from Pakistan, are expected to total about 250,000 tons, he added.

The spokesman also believed that wheat trading between West Germany and Pakistan would be much favoured by the entry of Western Germany into the world.

The \$20,000,000 wheat imports are in accordance with an agreement between Pakistan and Western Germany which was initiated last December and signed here on March 4. It provides for trade worth \$40,000,000 each way.—Reuter.

## INDUSTRIES IN MANCHURIA

San Francisco, March 17. Peking Radio reported tonight an increase in industrial production in Port Arthur and Dairen last year and that price indices fell by an average of 32.7 per cent.

Real wages rose by 48 per cent and the financial situation remained stable following monetary reform adopted in 1948. Industrial production was over 87 per cent of total produced values, and 31 Government-operated factories exceeding their production plans by 30 per cent. Unemployment is almost unknown in the Port Arthur and Dairen area now, the Radio added.—Reuter.

## Money Market

US dollars continued weak yesterday. Opening at HK\$6.35, the highest rate of the day was \$6.36. The closing rate was \$6.37. TT opened at HK\$6.33 and closed at \$6.38.

Sterling and Australian pounds were unchanged at HK\$15.40 and HK\$13.30 respectively.

Plastics remained nominal at HK\$12.50 a 100.

Ticals were unchanged at HK\$28.50 a 100.

NFI Cullinders gained 20 cents and maintained at HK\$23 a 100.

## U.S. MISSION IN INDIA

Bombay, March 17. Dr. Ross Moore, leader of a three-man American agricultural mission which has come to India under President Truman's Point Four Programme designed to assist under-developed areas, today left for Calcutta on his way to Rangoon. The two other members, Dr. Paul Kenner and Mr. Albert Mosman, are to leave for Colombo tomorrow. Later they will join Dr. Moore in Rangoon.

The mission has been studying India's agricultural requirements and has visited a number of villages in Bombay Province.—Reuter.

## WHEAT FOR UK FROM AUSTRALIA

Melbourne, March 17. Britain has bought 22,500,000 bushels of wheat and 100,000 tons of flour from Australia as part of the second year's quota under the International Wheat Agreement. The Australian Wheat Board announced today.

Prices have not been disclosed, but shipment is to be made between August 1 and January 31, 1951.—Reuter.

## LONDON STOCKS

London, March 17. Rubber and oil shares held the spotlight with general gains on the Stock Exchange today. British Government bonds were with prices ranging up to 5/10 of a pound. Movements in other sections of the market were mixed.

Financial Time's index 104.1.—Associated Press.

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# "SCORPIONS" STILL MAINTAIN LEAD

## Craigengower surprise KCC

The race for honours in the First Division of the Cricket League remains as keen as ever, with the Hong Kong Cricket Club "Scorpions" still leading their nearest rivals, the Army, by four points.

Both the "Scorpions" and the Army scored easy victories yesterday, the "Scorpions" accounting for Royal Navy by nine wickets at Chater Road and Army toppling Club de Recreio at King's Park by seven wickets.

The biggest surprise in yesterday's fixtures was the six wicket defeat of Kowloon Cricket Club at Cox's Road by Craigengower Cricket Club.

In a high scoring game at Kai Tak, Royal Air Force beat Hong Kong Cricket Club "Optimists" by five wickets, after the "Optimists" had declined at 152 for six.

Indian Recreation Club, who visited Pokfulam for their game against Hong Kong University, came away with full points, winning by 61 runs.

In the Second Division, Royal Navy trounced Club de Recreio at King's Park by seven wickets. Coles (three for 11) and Brooks (four for 10) were responsible for the Recreio debacle.

### FIRST DIVISION

#### HKCC "Scorpions"—Royal Navy

The Hong Kong Cricket Club "Scorpions" triumphed over Royal Navy by nine wickets in their First Division League cricket encounter at Chater Road yesterday.

The game was highlighted by the brilliant innings of Len Stokes, whose 41 not out paved the way to a quick decisive victory for the "Scorpions".

O. J. Kerr, opening with Stokes, was also in fine fettle. In fact, the partnership—as long as it lasted—produced one of the brightest stands seen yet in this season's league.

Kerr was even more impressive than Stokes. His masterly judgment and excellent timing earned him a number of excellent boundaries.

However, with the "Scorpions" total standing at 64 for no wickets, Kerr gave an easy chance and was caught in fine style by Nanton. Kerr had then 30 runs to his credit.

Len Stokes hit a six over the fence at the Supreme Court end of the field.

Northwick joined Stokes after Kerr had returned to the Pavilion. This pair maintained the fast scoring pace. Stokes was still undefeated with 41 when Northwick hit a four to give the "Scorpions" victory.

Royal Navy, who batted first, found runs extremely difficult to get and were all out for 87 runs. The only two batsmen to do anything of note were Dawes (22) and Oxtoby (21), while Goldworthy contributed 10.

For the Navy collapse, much credit must go to Tony Weller and Frank Howarth.

Varying his length, Weller proved most effective, while the dependable Howarth never slackened with his spinners and pace. Between them, they shared eight wickets.

Weller took four for 23 in 0.4 overs; three of which were maidens. Howarth captured four wickets at the expense of 29 runs in 1.4 overs, four of which were maidens. Cull took one wicket for 22 runs.

#### Royal Navy

|                                 |    |
|---------------------------------|----|
| Mallows c Owen-Hughes b Howarth | 1  |
| Trollope b Weller               | 0  |
| Oxtoby run out                  | 21 |
| Nanton b Weller                 | 7  |
| Long b Howarth                  | 2  |
| Dawes not out                   | 22 |
| Goldworthy c Newton b Cull      | 10 |
| White c O'Driscoll b Howarth    | 0  |
| Wren b Howarth                  | 0  |
| Isaacs c and b Weller           | 0  |
| Kettle b Weller                 | 6  |
| Extras                          | 13 |
| Total                           | 87 |

Bowling Analysis

|         | O   | M | R  | W |
|---------|-----|---|----|---|
| Weller  | 9.4 | 3 | 23 | 4 |
| Howarth | 14  | 4 | 29 | 4 |
| Cull    | 5   | 0 | 22 | 1 |

Total (for one wkts) 85

(F. A. Weller, H. Owen-Hughes, T. A. Pearce, Cull, Newton, A. P. Weller and F. Howarth did not bat.)

Bowling Analysis

|        | O   | M | R  | W |
|--------|-----|---|----|---|
| White  | 9   | 0 | 32 | 0 |
| Kettle | 3   | 0 | 18 | 0 |
| Isaacs | 5.3 | 0 | 30 | 1 |

Total (for four wkts) 154

#### Army—Recreio

Visiting the Club de Recreio at King's Park yesterday for their First Division League cricket match, the Army inflicted a seven wicket defeat on their hosts.

Recreio batted first, but failed against the Army bowlers Corfield and Cullen and were all out for 46.

Only one of the Portuguese batsmen reached double figures, L. G. Gosano scoring 19 before being caught by Holme off Cullen.

Corfield, bowling 9.4 overs, three of which were maidens took six wickets for 30 runs, while Cullen bowled nine overs, three of which were maidens and took four wickets for 15.

Army did not find it difficult to score the necessary runs to win, losing but three wickets in the process.

Although Darbyshire, one of Army's opening batsmen, was sent back to the pavilion without a run to his credit, Chamberlain batted well to score 28 not out, while Wilson contributed 11.

Of the Recreio bowlers only H. L. Oztorio had any measure of success with the ball. In eight overs he took two wickets, giving away 30 runs.

#### Recreio

|                                       |    |
|---------------------------------------|----|
| L. G. Gosano, c Holme, b Corfield     | 19 |
| A. M. Prata, b Corfield               | 0  |
| M. d'Almeida Remedios, c and b Cullen | 9  |
| P. M. N. da Silva, b Cullen           | 0  |
| E. L. Gosano, b Cullen                | 7  |
| H. L. Oztorio, b Corfield             | 4  |
| A. M. Rodrigues, c Haig, b Corfield   | 1  |
| N. A. Beltra, b Corfield              | 0  |
| A. P. Pereira, b Corfield             | 0  |
| A. V. Gosano, not out                 | 0  |
| G. A. Yvanovich, b Corfield           | 1  |
| Extras                                | 1  |
| Total                                 | 46 |

#### Bowling Analysis

|          | O   | M | R  | W |
|----------|-----|---|----|---|
| Corfield | 9.4 | 3 | 30 | 6 |
| Cullen   | 9   | 3 | 15 | 4 |

#### Army

|                                       |    |
|---------------------------------------|----|
| Darbyshire, c E. L. Gosano, b Pereira | 0  |
| Chamberlain, not out                  | 28 |
| Tomlin, b Oztorio                     | 11 |
| Wilson, not out                       | 1  |
| Holme, not out                        | 1  |
| Extras                                | 1  |
| Total (for three wkts)                | 47 |

#### Bowling Analysis

|              | O | M | R  | W |
|--------------|---|---|----|---|
| Pereira      | 9 | 2 | 19 | 4 |
| Oztorio      | 8 | 1 | 30 | 2 |
| L. G. Gosano | 9 | 1 | 2  | 0 |
| L. G. Gosano | 1 | 0 | 5  | 0 |

#### Total (for five wkts) 154

#### Bowling Analysis

|              | O | M | R  | W |
|--------------|---|---|----|---|
| Pereira      | 9 | 2 | 19 | 4 |
| Oztorio      | 8 | 1 | 30 | 2 |
| L. G. Gosano | 9 | 1 | 2  | 0 |
| L. G. Gosano | 1 | 0 | 5  | 0 |

### KCC—CCC

Craigengower Cricket Club beat Kowloon Cricket Club by six wickets in their First Division League cricket match played at Cox's Road yesterday.

#### KCC

|                                          |     |
|------------------------------------------|-----|
| W. M. Davidson c Billimoria b Greenslade | 27  |
| J. Jeriou c Greenslade b Crabtree        | 8   |
| A. Ziemmer c Readman b Greenslade        | 0   |
| W. H. Colledge c Rumjahn b Greenslade    | 33  |
| N. Hart-Baker b Billimoria               | 9   |
| F. Kernan b W. Billimoria                | 12  |
| C. P. Smith c Souza b Billimoria         | 0   |
| J. V. Sellers c and b Ragi               | 5   |
| W. H. Cowie c Crabtree b Billimoria      | 1   |
| E. C. Fletcher not out                   | 20  |
| R. E. Lee c Crabtree b Ragi              | 7   |
| Extras                                   | 12  |
| Total                                    | 145 |

#### Bowling Analysis

|            | O  | M | R  | W |
|------------|----|---|----|---|
| Billimoria | 19 | 3 | 41 | 4 |
| Greenslade | 5  | 1 | 23 | 2 |
| Ragi       | 5  | 1 | 19 | 2 |

#### CCC

|                                 |     |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| G. Hong Choy c and b Kernan     | 4   |
| D. Readman c Smith b Kernan     | 4   |
| K. M. Rumjahn c Sellers b Smith | 0   |
| P. Ragi b Lee                   | 40  |
| G. A. Souza not out             | 70  |
| A. H. Ismail not out            | 16  |
| Extras                          | 5   |
| Total (for four wkts)           | 154 |

#### Bowling Analysis

|                                                                                    | O  | M | R  | W |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|---|----|---|
| H. Greenslade, E. H. Esmail, P. Billimoria, T. Crabtree and S. Ismail did not bat. |    |   |    |   |
| Smith                                                                              | 13 | 5 | 53 | 2 |
| Kernan                                                                             | 11 | 3 | 33 | 1 |
| Hart-Baker                                                                         | 2  | 1 | 18 | 0 |
| Sellers                                                                            | 1  | 1 | 13 | 0 |
| Lee                                                                                | 6  | 1 | 34 | 1 |

#### RAF—HKCC "Optimists"

In a First Division League cricket game played at Kai Tak yesterday afternoon, Royal Air Force beat Hong Kong Cricket Club "Optimists" by five wickets.

Batting first the "Optimists" scored a total of 152 runs for six wickets declared.

Their highest scorer was N. E. Arthy, who scored 68 runs not out.

Faced with the task of obtaining 153 runs to win, the Air Force set about their task with a will and accomplished what seemed an almost impossible task with five wickets to spare.

G. Cunningham was top-scorer for the RAF with 48. E. C. Dunn, opening bat, contributed 34.

#### HKCC "Optimists"

|                                  |     |
|----------------------------------|-----|
| N. E. Arthy not out              | 68  |
| T. P. Mahon b K. C. A. Ball      | 7   |
| R. Thessenderer b K. C. A. Ball  | 0   |
| G. H. P. Pritchard b J. G. Tyrer | 0   |
| L. D. Kilbee c and b J. Hirst    | 23  |
| M. S. Beevers b E. R. Madger     | 12  |
| R. Macpherson b J. G. Tyrer      | 0   |
| H. H. Rankins not out            | 14  |
| Extras                           | 7   |
| Total (for six wkts)             | 152 |

#### Bowling Analysis

|                                                       | O  | M | R  | W |
|-------------------------------------------------------|----|---|----|---|
| W. J. Slinger, Van Oorde and A. L. Smith did not bat. |    |   |    |   |
| J. G. Tyrer                                           | 12 | 1 | 27 | 2 |
| K. C. A. Ball                                         | 12 | 1 | 47 | 2 |
| J. Hirst                                              | 3  | 1 | 27 | 1 |
| E. R. Madger                                          | 3  | 1 | 10 | 1 |

#### RAF

|                                              |     |
|----------------------------------------------|-----|
| E. C. Dunn c N. E. Arthy b L. D. Kilbee      | 34  |
| D. M. Gail c R. Macpherson b M. S. Beevers   | 13  |
| G. Cunningham c R. Macpherson b A. L. Smith  | 48  |
| A. D. Fantan c R. Macpherson b L. D. Kilbee  | 17  |
| D. N. Ogilvie c R. Macpherson b L. D. Kilbee | 0   |
| B. Cooper c N. E. Arthy b A. L. Smith        | 18  |
| K. C. A. Ball not out                        | 10  |
| Extras                                       | 3   |
| Total (for five wkts)                        | 154 |

#### Bowling Analysis

|                    | O    | M | R  | W |
|--------------------|------|---|----|---|
| T. P. Mahon        | 3    | 1 | 14 | 1 |
| G. H. P. Pritchard | 2    | 1 | 6  | 2 |
| A. L. Smith        | 13.4 | 4 | 40 | 2 |
| M. S. Beevers      | 6    | 2 | 34 | 1 |
| L. D. Kilbee       | 6    | 2 | 12 | 2 |
| Van Oorde          | 2    | 1 | 8  | 1 |

### HKU—IRC

In a First Division League cricket match at Pokfulam yesterday, Indian Recreation Club beat Hong Kong University by 61 runs.

Taking first lease of the wicket, IRC knocked up 133 runs, 20 of which were contributed by A. A. Rumjahn. J. C. Koh was the most successful bowler for the Under-graduates, taking six wickets for 31 runs.

An their turn at bat, HKU made a valiant effort to win but could only muster 72 runs against the deadly bowling of A. R. Minu, who took seven wickets for 12 runs.

#### IRC

|                               |     |
|-------------------------------|-----|
| A. R. Abbas, run out          | 20  |
| A. R. H. Esmail, b Teh        | 5   |
| M. I. Razack, c and b Koh     | 27  |
| A. A. Rumjahn, b Koh          | 20  |
| I. Ali, c Huang, b Koh        | 7   |
| F. M. el Arculli, b Koh       | 12  |
| I. M. Omar, c Lo, b Koh       | 1   |
| M. V. Mohideen, b Koh         | 10  |
| A. R. Minu, c Chelliah, b Poh | 4   |
| S. H. Ismail, b Lean          | 0   |
| S. A. Ismail, not out         | 0   |
| Extras                        | 12  |
| Total (for 10 wkts)           | 133 |

#### Bowling Analysis

|            | O    | M | R  | W |
|------------|------|---|----|---|
| S. M. Teh  | 11   | 3 | 33 | 1 |
| T. H. Lean | 12.4 | 4 | 32 | 1 |
| B. K. Poh  | 25   | 1 | 25 | 1 |
| J. C. Koh  | 12   | 1 | 31 | 6 |

#### HKU

|                                       |    |
|---------------------------------------|----|
| T. Lo, c Ismail, b Minu               | 0  |
| S. M. Teh, c A. R. Minu               | 11 |
| L. T. Hich, b Minu                    | 7  |
| C. L. Huang, c Minu, b Arculli        | 5  |
| D. Chelliah, b Minu                   | 7  |
| B. K. Poh, c Abbas, b Minu            | 0  |
| T. H. Lean, c S. A. Ismail, b Arculli | 4  |
| A. R. Minu, c Chelliah, b Poh         | 4  |
| J. C. Koh, c Abbas, b Arculli         | 0  |
| P. Jeter, b Minu                      | 0  |
| D. G. Hanson, b Minu                  | 0  |
| S. A. Vannar, not out                 | 11 |
| Extras                                | 13 |
| Total                                 | 72 |

#### Bowling Analysis

|                  | O    | M | R  | W |
|------------------|------|---|----|---|
| A. R. Abbas      | 4    | 1 | 14 | 1 |
| A. R. Minu       | 11.5 | 5 | 12 | 7 |
| F. M. el Arculli | 6    | 1 | 33 | 3 |

### SECOND DIVISION

#### Royal Navy—Recreio

In a Second Division League Cricket match played at King's Park yesterday, Royal Navy beat Club de Recreio by seven wickets.

#### Recreio

|                              |    |
|------------------------------|----|
| D. E. Remedios b Coles       | 5  |
| D. M. Rodrigues c and b May  | 5  |
| J. A. Yvanovich b Coles      | 4  |
| E. M. Rosario b Brooks       | 1  |
| C. A. Yvanovich b Brooks     | 1  |
| A. J. Prata b Brooks         | 0  |
| A. A. Remedios c Coles       | 4  |
| E. G. Gutterres b Hearn      | 5  |
| L. E. Xerophon c and b Hearn | 3  |
| R. A. Remedios not out       | 3  |
| A. E. Noronha b Brooks       | 12 |
| Extras                       | 6  |
| Total                        | 51 |

#### Bowling Analysis

|          | O | M | R  | W |
|----------|---|---|----|---|
| Coles    | 7 | 2 | 11 | 3 |
| Blackbee | 2 | 0 | 8  | 0 |
| Brooks   | 5 | 1 | 19 | 4 |
| Hearn    | 3 | 1 | 3  | 2 |
| Maylor   | 1 | 0 | 4  | 1 |

#### Navy

|                              |    |
|------------------------------|----|
| D. Collum not out            | 28 |
| R. E. Workman b Yvanovich    | 5  |
| G. Birks c Yvanovich         | 8  |
| D. C. Hirst b A. A. Remedios | 7  |

#### Bowling Analysis

|                 | O | M | R  | W |
|-----------------|---|---|----|---|
| D. E. Remedios  | 9 | 0 | 25 | 1 |
| J. A. Yvanovich | 4 | 1 | 12 | 2 |
| Gutterres       | 3 | 0 | 12 | 0 |
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### TODAY'S SPORT

#### CRICKET

First Division League: University v Scorpions at Pokfulam.  
Friendly: Royal Navy v Commandos at King's Park; Police v IRC at Sookunpoo, 2 p.m.; Craigengower v RAFC at Happy Valley, 1.45 p.m.

#### SOCCER

First Division League: Kit Chee v South China at Happy Valley, 4.30 p.m.; KMB v RAF at Boundary Street, 4.30 p.m.

Second Division League: South China v Talkers at Happy Valley, 3 p.m.; Police v PCA at Boundary Street, 3 p.m.; Solicitors v Naval Yard Police at Happy Valley, 4.30 p.m.

Schoolboy Interlopers v Club at Happy Valley, 10.30 a.m.

#### HOCKEY

Association Matches: Chund Tora v Navy at King's Park, 11.30 a.m.; Raffles v Commandos at King's Park, 10 a.m.; University v Police at Pokfulam, 10.45 a.m.; Nomads v Recreio "B" at King's Park, 10 a.m.; Dutch IIC v HKHC at King's Park, 11.15 a.m.; KTC v YMCA at King's Park, 10 a.m.

#### LAWN BOWLS

Pre-war v Post-war members of KBCG at Kowloon Bowling Green Club, 3.30 p.m.

#### SOFTBALL

Men's Senior League: Americans v U.S. Navy, CBA (1.30 p.m.); Jaguars v Braves, CBA (3 p.m.); Inter-Hong League: Civil Service v San Miguel Brewery, Recreio (10.30 a.m.); Union Insurance v Caltex, Recreio (1.30 p.m.); Ladies' Junior League: Clovers v White Fangs, CBA (10.30 a.m.); St. Teresa's v Squaws, BBA (noon).  
Midlets League: Black Arrows v Blackhawks, Recreio (9 a.m.); Saints v Lions, Recreio (noon).

#### YING WA SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY

The Ying Wa Girls' School—one of the oldest schools in the Colony—commemorated its 50th anniversary yesterday.

A display of work by the pupils was exhibited during the day when parents were received between 10.15 a.m. and 12 noon.

A Thanksgiving Service was held later in the afternoon.

#### HKCC "OCCASIONALS"

The following will represent the Hong Kong Cricket Club "Occasionals" in a friendly cricket match against 28 Brigade at Chater Road today, commencing at 11 a.m.

L. D. Kilbee, G. H. Pritchard, D. Davis, W. Tingle, J. Salaman, P. Farquharson, A. Eason, R. Pierce, A. White, M. S. Beevers and R. Macpherson.

#### Bowling Analysis

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|-------------------|----|---|---|---|
| P. Coles not out  | 6  |   |   |   |
| Extras            | 1  |   |   |   |
| Total (for three) | 53 |   |   |   |

#### H. R. Murray, K. Brooks, W. Hearn, E. Blackbee, A. Maylor and E. Hearn did not bat.

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## Seven-a-Side Rugby:

MIDDLESEX REGT. WIN  
BLARNEY STONE SHIELD

(By JAMES BOYD)

The 1st Bn. Middlesex Regiment won the Seven-a-Side Rugby Competition for the Blarney Stone Shield yesterday, when they beat Club "B" by eight points to three in a thrill-packed game.

The Middlesex were worthy winners and when their Captain, Evans, received the Shield from Lady Morse, there were few amongst the large gathering who begrudged them their success.

Throughout the competition they had shown their ability and skill and although they had one or two close struggles, they always managed, generally through Norman Clayden, to pull out just a little bit extra.

They were amongst the lighter sides in the Tournament, but every man in the team pulled his weight and there was not a really weak link in a very workman-like side.

Clayden added the necessary touch of genius which made the difference.

In the first game of the afternoon, Club "A" after the first few minutes, were rarely in the picture. They were, however, the first to score when, following an orthodox movement, Turville outpaced and rounded the defence to score a try which, although from a fairly easy position, D. Henderson failed to convert.

## Kicked ahead

Middlesex came back, however, and Clayden, kicking ahead, fielded the ball on its first bounce and burst over near the posts.

He made no mistake with the kick. Middlesex did nearly all the pressing in the second half and Clayden scored again when he came round the blind side and rounded Nolan.

He again converted, leaving the final score 10 points to three.

Wayfoong were just a better side than an unusually lethargic Commando Brigade HQ team and managed to scrape through after extra time.

Harrison scored first for the Commandos when Fowler snapped up a bad Wayfoong pass, sent him away from his own "25." He was guilty later of a defensive blunder in allowing Hoyer to charge down a kick, gather the ball and score.

In extra time, Lovatt secured the deciding try for Wayfoong.

One minute  
silence observed

Before the start of yesterday's Seven-a-Side rugby games, members of the Club "A" and Middlesex teams, together with officials, lined up and observed a one-minute silence as a mark of respect for D. Fitzroy-Williams, a member of the Club, who is presumed to have lost his life in Thursday night's harbour tragedy.

The flag of the Hong Kong Football Club was also flown at half mast.

Evans and Passmore were best for Middlesex.

Club "B" were decidedly lucky to beat 27 HAA Regiment in the second semi-final by a goal to a try.

The Gunners had more of the ball and were consequently on top territorially, and looked a better side.

## Hotly debated

Their first try was hotly debated by the spectators, however, for to some it appeared that Shaw had hit the corner flag before he grounded the ball.

The Gunners had ample opportunity subsequently to make the issue safe, but Shaw tried to do too much on his own and Club marking around the scrum was good.

Franklyn scored for Club just before the end when he chased a kick ahead from half-way. Farquharson converted with a good kick to leave Club "B" winners.

The final game was thrilling throughout.

Both sides gave the ball plenty of air and Club "B" seemed a much tougher unit to crack than their seniors. They scored first when Franklyn outpaced the defence and touched down for a try, which Farquharson was unable to convert.

## Superior fitness

In the second half, the superior fitness of the soldiers told and it was not long before they levelled the score with a good try in the corner, the result of strong running.

Middlesex continued to press and were almost over several times, but full-time came with the scores still level.

In the first half of extra time, Clayden cut through the middle following a scrum and scored a try which he also converted.

This proved to be the final score, but both sides might have scored thereafter.

Club had one or two good chances, but hesitant running on Stewart's part lost them at least two opportunities.

The better side won and thus brought to an end a most entertaining afternoon's sport which was greatly enjoyed and appreciated by the spectators.

It might at this stage be appropriate to mention the debt owed by players and spectators to the Referees.

These gentlemen, who receive more kicks than hail-pence, give their time and experience to the game and while we may not always see eye to eye with them, it should be appreciated that each, according to his lights, gives of his best.

The following are the results:

Quarter-finals:  
Middlesex 10 Club "A" 3  
Wayfoong 6 HAA Regt. 3  
Club "B" 8 R. Leicesters 3  
27 HAA Regt. 3 Police 0

Semi-finals:  
Middlesex 3 Wayfoong 0  
Club "B" 6 27 HAA Regt. 3  
Final:  
Middlesex 8 Club "B" 3

KBGC LAWN  
BOWLS

The Lawn Bowls Wappinghaw tournament at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club yesterday was won by C.W.T. Weeks, W. Russell, A.R. Waller and L.A. Collier.

The Inter-Hong Lawn Bowls final between W. McColl and J. Fraser (Kowloon Docks) and C.E. Crough and F.A. Plume (Royal Naval Yard NSO) which was originally fixed to take place at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club this morning has been postponed to March 20.

## INT'L RUGBY

Edinburgh, March 18. In an international rugby match at Murrayfield today, Scotland beat England by 13 points to 11—Reuter.

## RUGGER RESULT

London, March 17. Edinburgh University lost to Oxford University by three goals to nine in a rugby union match today—Reuter.

## Winners of Blarney Stone Shield



The 1st Bn. Middlesex team which beat Club "B" by eight points to three in the Seven-a-Side Rugby Competition at Happy Valley yesterday to win the Blarney Stone Shield. ("China Mail" Photo.)

## Softball:

Rexes beat Aces;  
Stanvac topple Shell

(By "GRANDSTAND")

Rexes made sure of a play-off berth against the Black Hawks for the Ernie Hearther Junior League Softball trophy when they triumphed over Aces 9-6.

In the Inter-Hong series, Stanvac took advantage of a Shell second inning hurling lapse to tally 10 times for a runaway 18-4 victory, while Mercantile Bankers were no opposition against last year's champion Gibbs, who won by a comfortable 21-4.

HOME  
FOOTBALL  
RESULTS

London, March 18. Chelsea and Arsenal drew two goals each in the FA Cup semi-final, played on the Tottenham Hotspur ground here this afternoon.

The following were the results of football matches played today:

FIRST DIVISION  
Birmingham 1 Manchester C. 0  
Bolton 2 Charlton 0  
Burnley 3 Huddersfield 0  
Derby County 2 Fulham 1  
Liverpool 0 Wolves 2  
Manchester Un. 1 Blackpool 2  
Stoke City 1 Everton 0  
Sunderland 1 Portsmouth 1  
W. Bromwich 1 Newcastle 1

SECOND DIVISION  
Barnsley 2 Tottenham 0  
Barnet 1 Blackpool R. 0  
Gillingham 4 Bradford 0  
Leeds United 3 Hull City 0  
Luton Town 0 Cardiff C. 0  
Preston N. E. 0 Plymouth A. 0  
Queens P.R. 3 Chesterfield 2  
Sheffield U. 2 Leicester 2  
Southampton 2 Brentford 3  
Swansea Town 2 Sheffield W. 3  
West Ham 4 Bury 1

THIRD DIVISION (South)  
Aldershot 0 Crystal P. 0  
Bristol C. 4 Ipswich T. 1  
Brighton 2 Port Vale 1  
Millwall 1 Southend U. 2  
Newport C. 1 Exeter C. 2  
Northampton 2 Reading 0  
Norwich C. 0 Leyton 0  
Notts Forest 0 Watford 0  
Swindon T. 1 Bristol R. 0  
Torquay U. 3 Bournemouth 1  
Walsall 3 Notts C. 3

THIRD DIVISION (North)  
Bradford C. 0 Crewe 2  
Chester 0 Tranmere 0  
Darlington 1 Carlisle 1  
Doncaster 2 Wrexham 0  
Grimsby 2 Accrington 0  
Halifax 0 Lincoln 1  
Hartlepool 1 Mansfield 3  
New Brighton 0 Rotherham 3  
Rochdale 2 Barrow 1  
Southport 1 York City 2  
Stockport 1 Oldham 2

SCOTTISH LEAGUE "A"  
Aberdeen 2 Queen's Park 0  
Clyde 2 Bath Rovers 0  
East Fife 1 Dundee 2  
Falkirk 1 Hibernian 2  
Hearts 5 Stirling 2  
Rangers 2 Motherwell 2  
St. Mirren 0 Celtic 7  
St. Johnstone 3 Partick 1  
Airdrie 3 St. Johnstone 3  
Alloa Athl. 2 Duffield 3  
Arbroath 2 Albion R. 3  
Ayr United 2 Morton 2  
Cowdenbeath 2 Brechin 1  
Dumfries 1 Forfar Athl. 1  
Hamilton 1 Kilmarnock 0

In the Rexes-Aces game, the winners chalked up a four run uprising in the fifth frame to freeze the game.

A. Tipe poked out a three hagger for the longest hit.

A.K. Ismail, on the mound for the victors, passed two and whiffed three, while Lionel Gutierrez for the losers had an erratic spell and walked 12.

Stanvac started with a three run spree in the initial chapter against Shell, which the Shellsters slimmed by two markers in their half.

Cracked wide open

The second was scoreless but in the third, Shell hurler Tong Kwok cracked a wide open which threw several wild pitches which produced runs, before he was taken off the mound.

Hal Wingle took over the pitching chores for the rest of the game.

Home runs were poked out by Stanvacers Louis Oliveira and Pete Peters.

Fans who will be out at the ball park today will have a chance of seeing either the USS Toledo or the open house in action, as one of these teams take over the US Navy's fixture in the play-off against the Americans, in the absence of the Salisbury sound.

It has been rumoured along the grape-vine that the Guadaloupe humbled the Salisbury Sound in the P.L. and if this should be true, fans will have a good game before them.

Oxford beats Cambridge in track meet

London, March 18. Roger Bannister of Oxford set an inter-varsity record for the mile on Saturday as Oxford beat Cambridge 76 points to 50 in their annual track meet at the White City Stadium.

Bannister, one of Britain's main hopes for the 1952 Olympics, was timed in four minutes 14/8 seconds.

It was the fourth successive time that he has won the varsity race.

S. Bryant of Oxford and A. W. Scott of Cambridge ran a dead heat in the half mile in one minute, 55/8 seconds.

David Grimes of Omaha, Nebraska won the 120-yard hurdles for Cambridge in 15 seconds.

It was one of only four Cambridge victories in the 14 events.

Oxford won all of the field events, including a record pole vault by A. Barber of 13 feet—Associated Press.

DRAMATIC  
WINS THE  
L'SHIRE

Lincoln, March 18.

The heavily booked colt Dramatic, owned by Mr. Ted "Lucky" Saunders, won the Lincolnshire Handicap, the first big handicap of the English flat racing season, here this afternoon.

Gordon Richards, the champion jockey, brought Dramatic home to an easy three lengths victory over last year's winner, Mr. C. W. Gordon's Fair Judgment with Mr. R. Barnetts Palfrey, two lengths away third. There were 40 runners.

Dramatic, which was 33 to one when the entries were known was backed down to start second favourite at 7/1. Dramatic drawn number 37, made the most of his favourable draw and striking the front a quarter of a mile from home, ran on to win unchallenged.

This was Gordon Richards' second success in the Lincolnshire.

Fair Judgment made a gallant attempt to emulate the feat of Os by winning the race two years in succession.

Dramatic brought off one of the biggest gambles in the 101 years history of the race. The coup is reputed to have been planned five months ago and in the meantime thousands of pounds had gone on the five year old trained by George Todd at Manton, Berkshire.

Dramatic, by Fair Trial out of Tinkle, suffered from rheumatoid arthritis in his hind legs last year and was practically paralysed all over.

A leading London bookmaker said of Dramatic's success: "He is the best backed Lincolnshire Handicap winner for 25 years."

Many bookmakers will have to turn backer in the Grand National to ease some enormous losses as there are thousands of "spring" doubles still standing, some of them at 5,000 to one, he added.

The field got away to a good start two minutes late. Grant, Hatchick, Prince Danilo, Hundred Up, Goldborough and Fair Seller were most prominent in the early stages with Dramatic close at hand. After going a quarter mile, Hatchick was in front and still held this position at half-way.

Two furlongs from the finish Dramatic struck the front with Hatchick, Fair Judgment, Hatchick weekend and with a furlong to go Dramatic was clear of Fair Judgment, Tero, Barnes Park and Eulogy. Palfrey came with a strong run on the outside but neither he nor Fair Judgment could get in an effective challenge.

Dramatic took one minute and 46-1/8 seconds to cover the one mile course—Reuter.

HLTA MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Hong Kong Lawn Tennis Association will be held at the Hong Kong Cricket Club, Chater Road on Wednesday, March 29 at 5.15 p.m.

Agenda:  
1. To read and pass the minutes of the last General Meeting held on April 29, 1949.  
2. To read and pass the report and accounts of the year 1949-1950.  
3. Election of officers of the Association.  
4. Any other business.

Dublin, March 17. The League of Ireland beat the Irish League by three goals to one in a football match played at Dalymount Park today—Reuter.

Stung into action, the Chinese fought back and broke through on several occasions, but their shots either went wide or were saved by Locker.

Crossing over with the score 2-0 in their favour, the Com-

mandos forced the Chinese on the defence again from the restart and did everything but score.

As the game was drawing to a close, the Commando forwards were seen making blunder after blunder as they wanted the scoring opportunities through erratic shooting.

Commandos: Locker, Merrick, Lewsons, Watt, Hayes, Watson, Davies, Siggers, Pratt, Hunt and Weaver.

CAA: Yu Kai-yan; Ko Lai-ming; Lui Shu-ping; Chan Yui, So Sau-ming; Leung Ping-kan; Kwok Chuk-cheung, To Jai-to, Wu Chiu-chung, Fong Kwok-yin and Leung Ping-kwan.

## Soccer:

Army trounce Eastern;  
Commandos beat CAA

Army ran riot in their First Division League soccer match against Eastern at Caroline Hill yesterday, scoring eight times without response from the Chinese.

At Sookunpoo, the Commandos secured two points at the expense of Chinese Athletic, whom they beat by one goal to nil.

On the run of the play, the Commandos should have won by a wider margin, but their forwards were—deplorably weak when it came to putting the finishing touches.

## Eastern 0—Army 8

In an uninspiring and one-sided First Division League soccer game played at Caroline Hill yesterday, Army obtained two easy points when they defeated Eastern by eight goals to nil.

Most noticeable feature of the game was the lack of cooperation both in the Eastern attack and defence.

The only Eastern player worthy of mention is K'ong Sin-king who, during the first half, kept the Army attack at bay.

However, he too fell off in the second half and the Army scored at will.

The Army forward line also seemed to lack understanding, but they were better than their opponents.

After the attack from the opening whistle and in the tenth minute Higgins pounced on a loose ball and scored from just outside the penalty area.

Ten minutes from the breather, Lam Tak-po accidentally handled in the penalty area.

Entrusted with the kick, Marsden sent the ball into Yeung King-wai's hands for the latter to clear successfully.

Two minutes later, Devlin broke through—down the centre and scored with a terrific drive which had Yeung beaten all the way.

The first half ended with Army leading two goals to nil.

The Eastern players fell to pieces in the second half and conceded six more goals without reply.

The rout of Eastern began when Brown scored six minutes after the resumption.

In the 13th minute, Lam Tak-po fouled Hutton in the penalty area. Marsden made no mistake this time and scored from the spot.

Four minutes later, Devlin scored from a corner by Andrews and in the 23rd minute he netted again to make the score six nil in favour of Army.

Before full time, Brown and Higgins each added a goal and the Army were trying for the ninth when the whistle ended the game.

Eastern—Yeung King-wai; K'ong Sin-king, Lam Tak-po; Wong Kam-wing, Tang Tai-chuen, Wong Tsang-san; Lai Yue-keung, Lal Kai-keung, Lee Wai-lam, Mok Chun-wah, Szeto Mun.

Army—Leyland; E. Woods, A. Woods; Woolton, Spence, Hutton; Brown, Marsden, Devlin, Higgins, Andrews.

Commandos 1—CAA 0

In a First Division League soccer game at Sookunpoo yesterday, Commandos beat the Chinese Athletic by the only goal scored during the game.

Commandos fully deserved their victory and should have won by a wider margin but for their deplorable forward line, which lacked shooting ability.

However, the Commandos made up for a weak forward line with a sound defence, in which Hayes, at centre-half, was outstanding. Able supporting him were the two backs, Merrick and Lewsons.

Locker, between the sticks, was steady, throughout, and gave a creditable performance.

The Chinese forwards combined quite well, but the strong defence of their opponents broke up many of their well planned attacks.

Close shave

The Commandos had a close shave after the kick-off, when Locker, from a goal kick, mis-kicked the ball, which fell to the feet of Yeung Kwok-yin. Taking advantage of an empty goal, Yeung lobbed the ball back, but Lewsons recovered in the nick of time to clear from the goalmouth.

Commandos then took up the running and for long periods kept their opponents on the defensive.

After 20 minutes play, the Commandos opened the scoring through Hunt, who connected beautifully from a header by Pratt.

Stung into action, the Chinese fought back and broke through on several occasions, but their shots either went wide or were saved by Locker.

Crossing over with the score 2-0 in their favour, the Com-

RESULTS AT A  
GLANCE

| FIRST DIVISION |   |              |
|----------------|---|--------------|
| Eastern        | 0 | Army 8       |
| Commandos      | 1 | Chinese AA 0 |

| SECOND DIVISION |   |                |
|-----------------|---|----------------|
| Eastern         | 1 | Chinese AA 2   |
| Army            | 6 | Club 1         |
| St. Joseph's    | 6 | University 1   |
| RAF             | 6 | Prison's 0     |
| Dockyard        | 1 | News Vendors 6 |

## Bea-line for goal

Athletic almost equalised when Wu Chiu-chung broke away down the centre and beat Hayes on the run. Wu made a bee-line for goal but Locker, advancing from his charge, made a brilliant save, snatching the ball from Wu's feet.

After a few more weak thrusts, the Chinese began to tire and from then on till the final whistle, the Commandos were all-over them.

As the game was drawing to a close, the Commando forwards were seen making blunder after blunder as they wanted the scoring opportunities through erratic shooting.

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Chalking up 89 points, "D" Troop won the Inter-Troop Challenge Shield at the Annual Athletic Sports Meet of the 58 Medium Regiment RA, held at the United Services Sports ground, Boundary Street, yesterday.

At the conclusion of the Meet, Mrs. Moore, wife of Major Moore, distributed the prizes to the successful contestants.

The following are the results: Throwing the Hammer: 1. Sgt. Parkinson; 2. L/Bdr. Mucha; 3. Edr. Redknapp (71 ft. 7 ins.).

High Jump: 1. Gr. Waugh; 2. Gr. McWinnie; 3. Gr. Topping (5 feet 6 ins.).

One Mile: 1. Gr. Kellogg; 2. L/Bdr. Baker; 3. Gr. Piller (6.31.880 Yards); 1. L/Bdr. Hunt; 2. Sgt. Howler; 3. Lieutenant Bell (20.135 secs.).

Veterans' 100 Yards: 1. L/Bdr. Murphy; 2. L/Sgt. Kinsey; 3. Major Moore.

Shot Put: 1. L/Bdr. Mucha; 2. L/Bdr. Senior; 3. Sgt. Pierce (31 feet 4 inches).

100 Yards, L/Bdr. Blythman; 2. Gr. Skinner; 3. Gr. Hope (11 secs.).

Inter-Battery Chain of Command Relay Race: 1. BHQ175; 2. BHQ 183; 3. BHQ 184.

100 Yards Jump: L/Bdr. Blythman; 2. Gr. Hope; 3. Gr. Robert (19 feet 3 inches).

Tug O' War: Troop "C" beat RHQ.

440 Yards: 1. Sgt. Haver; 2. 2/Lt. Shacklock; 3. L/Bdr. Mucha (66.7 secs.).

Javelin: 1. Gr. Anderson; 2. Gr. Herbert; 3. Gr. Mather (123 feet 3 inches).

220 Yards: 1. L/Bdr. Blythman; 2. Gr. Skinner; 3. Gr. Timmins (24.0 secs.).

Three Miles: 1. Gr. Le Page; 2. L/Bdr. Johnston; 3. L/Bdr. Guthrie (20.45 secs.).

5 Miles: 1. Gr. Anderson; 2. L/Bdr. Owen; 3. RSM Latham (40 feet 8 inches).

Hop, Step and Jump: 1. Gr. Ward; 2. Gr. Waugh; 3. Gr. Scott (57 feet 4 ins.).

One Mile (Inter Unit Medley Relay Race): 1. "D" Troop; 2. "C" Troop; 3. "A" Troop (4.18.125 secs.).

Team Standings: 1. "D" Troop (89); 2. "C" Troop (83); 3. "B" Troop (30); 4. "A" Troop and BHQ175 (28 each); 5. RHQ (24) and 6. BHQ176 (17).

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